

COMMENT OF THE DAY

An Unassuring White Paper

PLACED against the results for the preceding half-year, the record of Britain's external finances during the first six months of this year was disappointing. As recently announced by the Chancellor, the favourable balance of overseas payments for January-June 1953, excluding United States aid, was only £26 million, compared with £93 million in the second half of 1952, and a true comparison is even less satisfactory, since the 1952 figure was struck after the payment of £40 million interest on the American and Canadian loans. The Balance of Payments White Paper, published recently, shows that the net credit balance on overseas operations would have been lower still but for a substantial improvement in net "invisible" earnings, including those on shipping, banking, and insurance. Visible trade produced a large deficit, which was due to a heavy expansion of merchandise imports and the failure of export trade to expand to anything like the same extent. Obviously, on these results, showing a favourable balance at the annual rate of £52 million, Britain is very far from the Chancellor's aim of £300-£350 million a year on the right side. It has been explained that this target was set as an annual average, which was not expected to be attained in any single year, but progress towards it has so far been much below expectations.

A PART from the rise in net "invisible" earnings, one of the more encouraging features of the half-year's figure is a further improvement in trade with the dollar area which, thanks to £55 million of US aid, showed a favourable balance of £34 million. This recovery, which was only partly due to the restriction of dollar imports, is a sign that the drive for increased exports to North America is bearing some fruit, but it was achieved only at the cost of a heavy decline in the favourable balance elsewhere. Indeed, with countries outside the European Payments Union, the dollar area, and the sterling area, a favourable balance of £70 million during July-December 1952 was converted into an adverse balance of £30 million in January-June 1953. The increase in imports from all countries, which is the main reason for the poor overall result, is doubtless explained in part by increased industrial production and the consequent need for additional supplies of raw commodities and metals.

THE White Paper thus raises questions as to whether the Chancellor's "anti-deflationary" budgeting, necessary as it was on some grounds, is not having the undesirable effect of unduly stimulating consumption. As far as overseas trade is concerned, the outstanding trend during the first six months of 1953 was the further movement towards a dollar balance, offset by the setback in the balance elsewhere. If Mr Butler's target of an average annual surplus of at least £300 million is to be hit, the ideal would be a moderate favourable balance with dollar countries, in order to contribute to the strengthening of the sterling area's currency reserves, and a larger favourable balance with sterling countries. But the first necessary step appears to be an improvement in the balance between internal production and consumption, and on that point the conclusions to be drawn from the White Paper are not reassuring.

Trieste Shootings: Italian Premier Demands Inquiry

Withholds His Resignation

Jerusalem, Nov. 8. The Israeli Cabinet met today and, contrary to expectations, Mr David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, did not tender his resignation. Observers here do not expect Mr Ben Gurion to take any official action before he appears before the Central Committee of his Mapai (moderate Labour) Party to reply to an appeal to him by the Party to reconsider his decision to resign. He announced last week that he planned to "take a year of two off, or even more," because of "spiritual fatigue."

Salazar's Candidates Sweep Board

Lisbon, Nov. 8. Dr Antonio Salazar's Government Party, Uniao Nacional, won a hundred per cent victory in today's general election in Portugal. All 28 Opposition candidates were defeated.

It was the first officially contested election since the Portuguese military uprising in 1926, which brought the present regime to power. Final results for the Aveiro constituency, where six Opposition candidates were standing, were given tonight by the Ministry of the Interior as: Uniao Nacional—41,450 votes. Opposition—5,738 votes. Sixty-two per cent of the registered voters in this constituency went to the polls, it was officially announced.

With more than half the votes counted in the Oporto constituency, the proportion was three and a half times more votes for the Government than for the Opposition. Its system of voting, candidates are grouped and elected or defeated on bloc in each constituency.

Dr Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister for the last 21 years, was bound to see his Party triumph since 120 of the 148 candidates standing for the 120 seats in the Portuguese National Assembly belonged to his Uniao Nacional organisation.

But he wanted to defeat the 28 Opposition candidates to prove that the nation is fully behind the regime, which has ruled the country for the past 25 years.—Reuter.

MAY ATTEMPT NEW RECORD

London, Nov. 8. Britain is contemplating a new attempt on the world air speed record now held by the United States, and it was understood this attempt will be made by the ace test pilot, Neville Duke. His aircraft, the Hawker Hunter prototype jet fighter, is now being fitted with a new and more powerful engine, the latest development of the Rolls Royce Avon.

The present world record was established a short time ago by a Super Sabre with 753.4 miles per hour. Duke's old record, set up in unfavourable conditions, was 721.6 mph. No date or place has yet been chosen for the attempt.—France-Press.

Carrier Arrives

The aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney arrived today morning from Australian waters.

POLICE ACTION CONDEMNED

Rome, Nov. 8. Signor Giuseppe Pella, the Italian Prime Minister, tonight demanded an inquiry into the shooting by police in the disputed city of Trieste last weekend and the punishment of those responsible for the deaths of six Italian demonstrators.

Signor Pella was broadcasting to "Trieste and all Italians" over the Italian radio network. He appealed to the people of the free territory and Italy to remain calm.

The Italian Premier strongly condemned the British-commanded police in Trieste for firing on "unarmed schoolboys" and said that the entire Italian nation had joined in spirit with the funeral procession which followed the bodies of the victims today.

Signor Pella said efforts had been made to spread a version of what happened in Trieste on Thursday and Friday which was "in absolute contrast with documented fact."

In an apparent reference to General Sir John Winterton, the British Commander in Trieste, he declared: "I must affirm that the origin of what happened on those two tragic days lies in the lack of understanding of those who, invested on the spot with the most delicate responsibilities, were unaware that this phase of transition demanded very different methods and behaviour."

Signor Pella said Italy's view of the disturbances was "absolute contrast" to that of Britain.

The Italians took the view that the situation in Trieste arose out of the "incomprehension" of those on the spot who had not understood that the "transition period" demanded quite different methods from those adopted, he said.

"Never before has there been seen in a democratic country police opening fire without provocation," Signor Pella said. "For this reason, we demand that an inquiry establishing the responsibility should be made."

JUSTICE DEMANDED
Signor Pella said: "It is not vengeance, but justice which Italy is demanding and for which the members of this Government will all continue to work."

"This morning the people of Trieste, with the composure which the hour demanded, rendered the last rites to the fallen," Signor Pella said.

"The entire nation joined in the immense funeral procession which accompanied to their last resting place the innocent victims of the two tragic days."

As in Rome in the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels this morning, so in all Italy, the prayers of an entire people rose to the Lord to implore eternal peace for those gloriously fallen and for the achievement of the ideal for which they sacrificed themselves.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS RECEIVED

Belgrade, Nov. 8. Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Secretary Alois Bohler today received Sir Ivo Mallet, the British Ambassador, and Mr Woodruff Wallner, United States Charge d'Affaires, at their request to discuss recent events in Trieste.

Western observers speculated whether they brought the Government's readiness to the Yugoslav proposal of two days news agency, Tanjug, described as "a concrete proposal for a gradual settlement of the Trieste dispute."

Its contents have not yet been disclosed. A ten-man delegation of Slovenes from the Anglo-American zone of Trieste, headed by Dr Josip Dekleva, of the pro-Yugoslav Liberation Front, today had a two-hour talk with President Tito. The Slovenes, who arrived from Trieste this morning, said they had come to ask that the entry of Italy into the zone be prevented by all means. Their reception by Vice-President Edvard Kardelj, the leading Slovene in the Yugoslav Government. Earlier today they were received by Dr Bohler and by M.

MOSSADEGH



A cascade of paper streams down from Broadway office windows as another soldier, this time, Major-General William F. Dean, "Hero of Taejon", receives an enthusiastic welcome from New York crowds as he drives to the City Hall to receive the New York City Medal of Honour and Scroll from Mayor Impellitteri. The General was three years a Communist captive in North Korea.—London Express.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"	By "The Turf"
RACE 1 Allied Victory American Carrot Mustang Outsider:—Beat That.	RACE 1 Mustang Hallmark Amarant Outsider:—Tom Thumb.
RACE 2 Royal Command Eudora Crown Witness Outsider:—V-J Day.	RACE 2 Royal Command Penforce Henrietta Outsider:—Rowanglen.
RACE 3 Flaming Wheel Comet Lady Gloucester Outsider:—Red Feather.	RACE 3 Emperor Delight Lady Gloucester Fortuna Outsider:—Honey Dew.
RACE 4 Bright Day Madame Butterfly Hurricane Outsider:—The Hopeful.	RACE 4 Bright Day Madame Butterfly Hurricane Outsider:—The Hopeful.
RACE 5 Same Again Precious Mine Outsider:—Fel Chl.	RACE 5 Mincola Same Again Precious Mine Outsider:—Diana.
RACE 6 Gold Crown Babie Bonita Outsider:—Pleasro.	RACE 6 Babie Gold Crown Bonita Outsider:—?
RACE 7 Ping On Skylon Kentucky Lady Outsider:—Prestwood.	RACE 7 Pleasro Skylon Kentucky Lady Outsider:—Concord.
RACE 8 Armament Jorjocks Trade Wind Outsider:—Teddington.	RACE 8 Armament Teddington Jorjocks Outsider:—Thunder Sky.
RACE 9 First Lady Bright Day Ironside Outsider:—Dreadnought.	RACE 9 Poony Bright Knight Lassie Outsider:—Evening View.
RACE 10 Fleeting Moment Ambition Diamond Dahlia Outsider:—English Cabbage.	RACE 10 Caesar Ambition L'Arc Triomphe Outsider:—John Halifax.

Mother-in-Law Terror

Singapore, Nov. 8. The terror of a mother-in-law was related by a Chinese clerk and his wife to the Sixth Police Magistrate here yesterday.

The clerk, Lim Leong-loo, said when he called on his mother-in-law's house to get his wife back he was promptly assaulted until he was black and blue all over.

The wife countered this by telling the Magistrate that she left her husband because he and his mother had frequently assaulted her.

Lim said he had expected such treatment before he went and his expectation did not fall

WEEPS AT HIS TRIAL Calls Prosecutor Illiterate

Teheran, Nov. 8. A weeping, fist-thumping Mohammed Mossadeh cried today that he was still Premier of Iran and shouted denials that he was mad, as he went on trial for treason against the Shah and country. "I am the legal Premier," shouted Mossadeh as the first session of his trial opened in the Hall of Mirrors at the Saltanatabad Barracks. "I'm not mad!"

The aged former Premier was on trial for "attempting to overthrow the constitutional monarchy of this country and inciting the people to armed insurrection against the Crown."

The trial of the man who was once the hero of his country opened promptly at 11:30 GMT as tanks guarded the entrance to the Court and the route from Teheran, six miles away.

"Mossadeh, real legal Premier of Iran, a Moslem of the Sha sect," he proclaimed in answer to a request to his name, "I definitely and categorically state that I protest against the jurisdiction of the Court," he added when the Court President, Nasrollah Moghbeli, stopped him from reciting his past history and told him to confine his remarks to contesting the Court's jurisdiction.

Mossadeh claimed he was "dying of cold" in the courtroom and charged that his prosecutor, the Army Judge Advocate-General, was illiterate.

On trial with Mossadeh is 48-year-old ex-Brigadier Taghi Rahn, his former Chief of Army General Staff. The 72-year-old Mossadeh wore a brown, pin-striped suit under a greyish-brown overcoat as he walked slowly into the Hall of Mirrors, leaning heavily on a cane. As the 170 spectators watched in silence, he instructed the photographers: "Take good pictures of me."

At times weeping and thumping his hands on the desk, he shouted in Court: "I protest first against the incompetence of the prosecutor, who is illiterate." He constantly found fault with the prosecutor's speech and grammar and when reminded by the Judge that he was straying from the case he cried: "You wish to see me dead and don't give me a chance to defend myself."

"We are not executioners," the judge replied. "I passed a law that no illiterate could act as prosecutor," protested Mossadeh.

He claimed the prosecutor, Brigadier Hosin Azemoudh, was incompetent and illiterate and was appearing in Court illegally since he was the Judge Advocate-General. Mossadeh said Brigadier Azemoudh had no right to prosecute the case per-

sonnel but should have sent a deputy. "I'm dying of cold here while three irregularities are being allowed," he cried.

The Judge asked if he hadn't been given a doctor and Mossadeh said he had but again began crying. "Azemoudh is here illegally—I'm legal Premier still—I'm not mad."

To the prosecutor he said: "You ought to go and fight foreigners, not a weak old man like me."

Brigadier Azemoudh told the Court Mossadeh was no more his superior. He said: "I'm no subordinate of this rebel...this man considers me illiterate, but if I'm illiterate it is to his advantage...He disrespects the Court...this man claims to be a Doctor of Law and does not know that as Advocate-General I can personally conduct the prosecution or appoint anyone I like—it is my choice to be present personally."

Azemoudh further charged Mossadeh with being a "usurper" and a "rebel" since August 16, when he was dismissed by the Shah. He referred to Mossadeh as "an actor laughing and crying when he likes" and added, "He weeps in Court, claiming he is dying from the cold, although his health is much better than mine."

He asked why, if Mossadeh thought him illiterate, he was appointed by Mossadeh himself as head of the Army Judicial Commission.—United Press.

RETURNS HOME

London, Nov. 8. Sir William Penney, who conducted the British atomic weapons tests at Woomera in Australia, has arrived here by air to report to the Prime Minister. Sir William Penney was on the passenger list as "Mr Elmhurst"—the name he used when he travelled to Australia.

He was due to arrive at London airport today about a Congestion, but he changed to a Comet in Beirut and arrived yesterday.—Reuter.

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'WAIT-AND-SEE' SESSION OF U.N.

Eight Weeks Of Fruitless Arguments In The General Assembly

Problem Of Korea Remains The Big Question Mark

New York, Nov. 8.

A "wait and see" session of the United Nations General Assembly will complete its eighth week on Tuesday without having recorded any major political decision.

The Assembly may meet its target date for closing—December 8—still without being able to point to a positive achievement in any of the great international problems which it has had to consider.

The Assembly set the pattern for postponement by deciding shortly after the opening of its session on September 15 to put the all-important question of Korea at the bottom of the political issues to be discussed in the hope that there would be a favourable outcome to the continued attempts to get a peace conference started.

Korea remains at the end of the agenda of the Assembly's Political Committee, and is unlikely to be debated while the negotiations between the United States and the Communists regarding the arrangements for the peace conference are still in progress in Panmunjom.

Throughout the session the Korean problem has hung like a big question mark over every political debate. It may prove the last thing to be finally adjourned in December, even though it may have disposed of the whole of the remainder of its agenda.

If arrangements have not been completed for a political conference by then, it is probable that rather than adjourn the delegates will follow the policy adopted last year and decide on Friday to postpone until November 23 consideration of Burma's complaint about the presence of Chinese Nationalist guerrillas in Burma. The delay in this case was to allow time to complete the promised evaluation to Formosa of 2,000 of the 12,000 troops involved.

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right of the people to free democratic political institutions be ensured. But in the plenary session the operative part of the resolution failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority, and the whole of the resolution therefore was declared lost.

In the parallel case of Tunisia the Political Committee approved a resolution that all necessary steps be taken to ensure the realisation by the people of Tunisia of their right to full sovereignty and independence. Faced with the prospect of also losing this resolution in the plenary session, the Asian-African group asked for a postponement and have since been having private talks on what could be done about the matter.

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It is expected that the Soviet Union and the other Communist countries will counter-attack by bringing charges of South Korean atrocities.

POSSIBLE DEMAND
 Several delegates, particularly from Asia, have questioned the timeliness of a debate on atrocities while efforts are still going on to get a Korean peace conference going.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, may also demand before delegates begin talking about the atrocities that the Assembly send an invitation to the Chinese and North Koreans. There is not much chance of such an invitation being issued.

Other political matters which have been before the Assembly's Special, or Ad Hoc, Political Committee have been the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa and the admission of new members. Several countries have been waiting for years to obtain United Nations membership but have been prevented from doing so either by Soviet opposition on the one hand, or Western opposition on the other. Now the Assembly has set up a committee of three to consult with the Security Council in an effort to break the present deadlock.

The Special Political Committee, in the case of people of Indian origin in South Africa, decided to retain the Good Offices Commission it set up last year and to extend its functions by asking it to express its own views on the problem, and to make any proposals it thought fit for the peaceful settlement of the issue.

APARTHEID ISSUE
 The Special Political Committee is now discussing the question of Palestine refugees. When it has finished that item it will turn to the question of the South African Government's violation of apartheid. This is likely to arouse sharp criticism of the Union Government by several Asian and Latin-American States as well as the Soviet Union.

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December 22 will be an important date for delegates to remember. That is the end of the 90-day period allowed to the Communist explainers in an effort to persuade those prisoners who have hitherto declined repatriation to change their minds.

The armistice agreement provided that if prisoners still remained at the end of this period, the problem would be sent to the proposed peace conference. If at the end of further 30 days—which would be January 22—the fate of these men was still unresolved they were to be freed.

If, therefore, a political conference has not been convened in the meanwhile, it would be reasonable to suppose that the Assembly would be called some time between December 22 and January 22 to take up the prisoner issue.—China Mail Special.

At least two children were reported missing to the police recently.

The parents of two other children said that their children were nearly victimised by the Maranaw kidnapers. Feliciano Alano and Ruben Chavez said their children, a six-year-old girl and an eight-year-old boy, respectively, were offered candies by Maranaws to ride with them in a vinta. The children were scared and ran home.—China Mail Special.

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Girl's Bravery

Mulhouse, Nov. 8.
 Marguerite Touffier, counter clerk of Fontaine's Post Office, near Mulhouse, felled two armed robbers yesterday by plunging the bulleting into darkness. When the two men demanded money she turned off the electric light, ducked as one of the men fired, kicked the ill and ran upstairs with the key. The robbers fled empty-handed.—Reuter.

Sequel To Voodoo Rites

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 8.
 Agnaldo da Silva, a Brazilian labourer from Rio's Querezone Hill, is in hospital with serious injuries—a victim of "Macumba" (voodoo rites).

Agnaldo, whose life recently had been marked by a series of minor mishaps, decided, on the advice of his girl friend, to prevent further misfortunes through the agency of a "Father of a Saint", the ritual name given to a macumba sorcerer in Brazil.

He chose a well-known macumbista named Jose, who runs a sorcery den on Catacomb Hill.

After throwing the dice, which the macumbistas use to consult with the deities, Jose performed the rites necessary to induce an African spirit who, he felt, could successfully tackle Agnaldo's troubles, to enter his body.

This process consisted of sipping a generous shot of brandy and whirling round on his own axis with a cigar in his mouth.

This fortified by the well-known African deity, Exu. Then Jose motioned his client to step into a circle drawn with gunpowder. This he lit to blow up the demons which had dogged Agnaldo's fortunes.

Whatever injuries Jose inflicted on Agnaldo's demons will never be known, but Agnaldo's friends believe that they are not as serious as those suffered by Agnaldo himself.

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'Velvet Glove' Policy Thing Of The Past Eden To Speak In House

Answer To Italian
Charges On Trieste

London, Nov. 8. Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, will probably answer Italian charges of British mishandling in the Trieste riots in the House of Commons today, the Foreign Office said last night.

A spokesman said the British Government would give full consideration to the demand yesterday of Signor Giuseppe Pella, the Italian Prime Minister, for a full inquiry into last week's rioting in the Anglo-American occupied zone of the Adriatic territory.

Mr. Eden is also expected to refer in Parliament today to Signor Pella's broadcast.

Political sources said the Foreign Secretary would probably be closely questioned about the measures taken by General Sir John Winterton, the British Commander of the Allied zone, to suppress the rioting.

There is general support here for General Winterton's need to take strong action to put down a situation that might have become completely out of hand.

But in some quarters it is felt that resort to "shoot to kill" tactics were not only unnecessarily harsh, but politically most inadvisable.

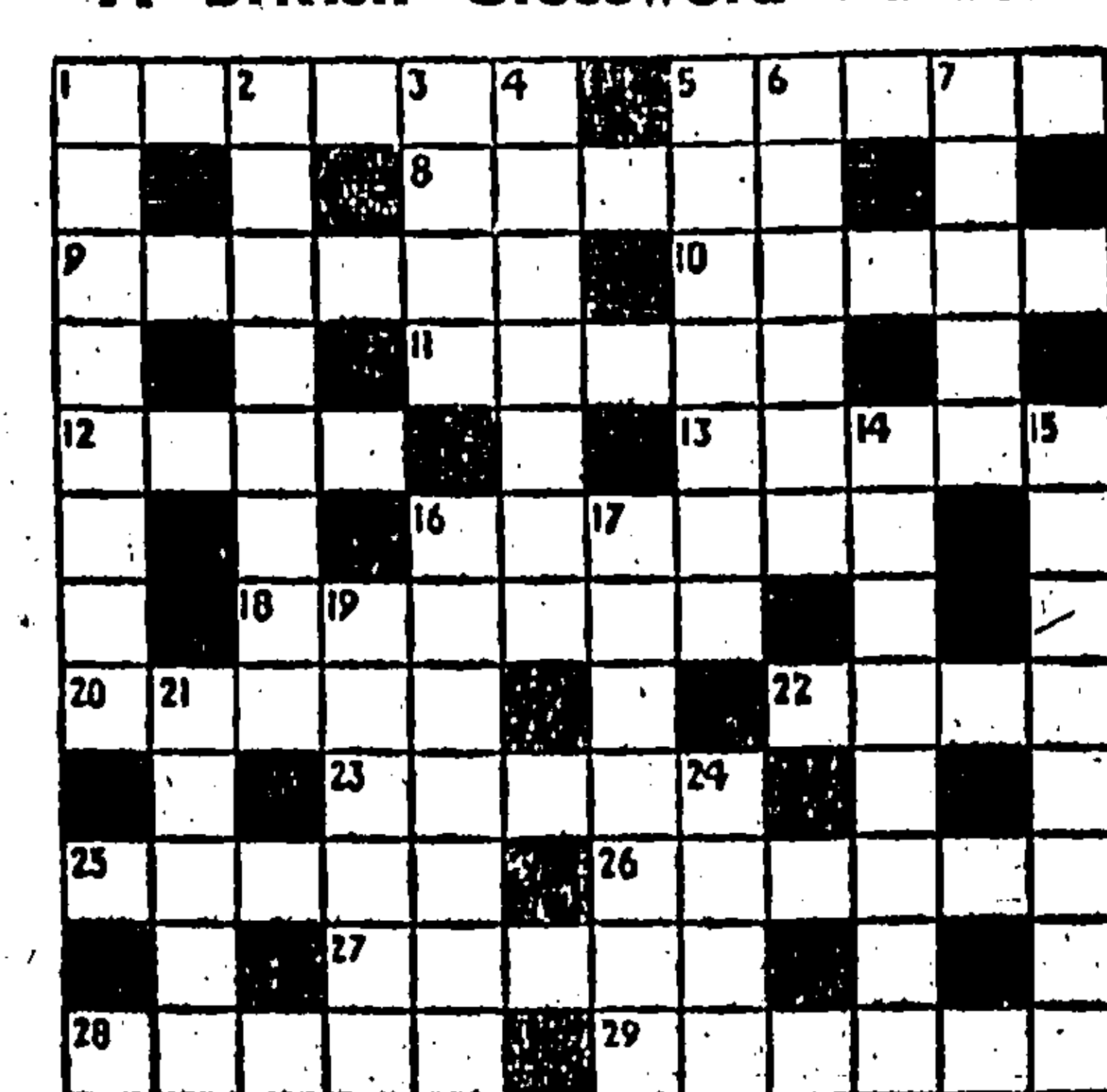
In official quarters here it is admitted that the General's refusal to allow the Italian flag to be hoisted over the Trieste Town Hall undoubtedly provoked much of the anger of the mob.

But these sources say that pending the announcement of a definite time-table of the planned hand over of the Allied zone to Italy, in accordance with the October 8 promise, it was imperative that the Anglo-American control should not be in any way impaired.—Reuter.

Canberra Urged To Ban Scrap For Japan

Sydney, Nov. 8. The Australian Government is now being urged to place an immediate ban on the export of scrap iron and steel to Japan. Scrap companies, employer organisations and interested unions are seeking the ban because local industry is being starved of scrap at the time when exports are increasing. They urge that a certain amount of scrap iron should be kept for local use in the same way as wool.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Cold region (8).
 - Stupid (5).
 - Undersea worker (5).
 - Small tower (6).
 - Beverage (5).
 - Rescues (5).
 - Tumble (4).
 - Trick out (5).
 - Withdraw (6).
 - Weighing apparatus (8).
 - Relieved (5).
 - Lake (4).
 - Brooks (5).
 - Pigment (5).
 - Reach (6).
 - Trap (6).
 - Valuable quality (5).
 - Stretch (6).
- DOWN**
- Trick (8).
 - Silphoid (8).
 - Certain dates (4).
 - Stronghold (7).
 - Expunges (6).
 - Rubbish out (5).
 - Exhausted (5).
 - Song (8).
 - Concocted (8).
 - Benjamin (7).
 - Vaults (7).
 - Colour (6).
 - Asserts (8).
 - Walk (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Chorus, 5. Aided, 8. Ape, 9. Refuse, 11. Hosts, 12. Estate, 14. Eggs, 16. Error, 18. Fever, 19. Used, 20. Nettle, 24. Opera, 25. Remain, 26. Dour, 27. Tithes, 28. Employ, Down: 1. Cure, 2. Rifle, 3. Lass, 4. Spores, 5. Adverses, 6. Discreet, 7. Discreet, 10. Usage, 13. Africa, 14. Evidence, 15. Grenade, 17. Realm, 18. Untrue, 21. Term, 22. Earl, 23. Navy.

London, Nov. 8. An intensive drive to mould East Germany as completely as the Communist pattern as Russia's other satellites, is likely to be the first result of Moscow's decision not to attend a "Big Four" Foreign Ministers meeting on Germany and Austria, diplomatic quarters said today.

Whatever might remain of the "velvet glove" policy in the Soviet Union itself, the post-Stalin relaxation of the iron grip on East Germany was now dead, these quarters said.

PANMUNJOM DEADLOCK CONTINUES

Seoul, Nov. 8. There will be no explanations to prisoners of war tomorrow (Monday), a Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission spokesman announced tonight.

The announcement came after the whole day had been spent in discussion at the Indian camp to find a way to renew the interviews, which had been interrupted since Friday evening.

This morning, the Communists advised the Commission that they wished to continue explanations to the Chinese prisoners of Compound 22. On Friday, 136 men of the compound, which contains 500 men, were interviewed and two asked for repatriation.

The Indian, Swiss and Swedish members of the commission had protested that the Communist interviewers had submitted the prisoners to prolonged interrogations, which were slowing down the explanations.

It was denied later that the Swiss had threatened to withdraw if no time limit was placed on the explanations.

This afternoon, the Indian custodial forces advised the Communists that the remaining prisoners in Compound 22 refused to face the explanations and that force would not be employed to make them come out of their enclosure.

Therefore, the explanations had to be postponed until some agreement was reached.—France-Press.

Frost In Japan

Tokyo, Nov. 8. The beginning of winter on the Lunar calendar today brought the first frost of this season to a large part of Tokyo, the Weather Bureau reported.

Snow clouds are expected to cover the Kanto area around Tokyo and snow may fall a few days before Christmas the Bureau predicts.—China Mail Special.

London, Nov. 8. The June 17 riots in Berlin and throughout the Russian zone probably determined the Kremlin against any possible "new deal" for East Germany, it is thought here.

Earlier in the year, under the new Soviet High Commissioner, M. Vladimir Semenov, there had been some signs of conciliatory gestures towards the local population.

But Walter Ulbricht, East Germany's "strong" Vice-Premier, was in an eclipse from which he has since emerged.

And appeals for "vigilance" against "Fascist saboteurs," now in vogue again from prominent Ministers such as Ernst Wollweber (Security) and Hilde Benjamin (Justice), were then less frequent.

Western diplomats recalled that at Stalin's funeral his successor, M. Georgi Malenkov, had said that there were no issues between East and West that could not be settled by friendly negotiations.

SIGNS DWINDLING

They wondered whether Moscow was about to offer to withdraw her troops from Germany on condition that the Western powers did the same.

There were even reports that, in a bid to secure sympathy from a reunited Germany, Moscow would make Poland hand the former German lands east of the Oder-Neisse line, and it was considered significant that the Foreign Minister who had signed them away, Georg Deringer, had been arrested for that reason.

But since the June riots and the fall a week later of Lavrenti Beria, second man in the Kremlin, the signs of relaxation have dwindled.

Ulbricht has consolidated his hold on East Germany by denouncing Wilhelm Zaisser, Minister of Security, enemy of the Party and replacing him by the veteran Communist Wollweber.

And a new "security drive" has been launched against opponents of the regime who took the open country after the June riots and have since been waging sporadic warfare against the armed Communist police.

The effect of the June risings was to convince the Kremlin that an evacuated and independent Germany would be pro-Western rather than attracted into the Communist world, diplomatic quarters believe.—China Mail Special.

HELPED TO SOLVE ROBBERIES

Manila, Nov. 8. Two young girls' photographs and a political rally in this election-minded city were instrumental in solving a series of robberies into the arrest of a long-wanted police character.

A youth from Marikina, Rizal, not far from Manila, was arrested by policemen in Quezon City, a few miles from Manila, for heckling a speaker at a political rally of the Liberal (Government) Party.

Police alleged he was found to be carrying an unlicensed 25 calibre pistol and pictures of the two pretty girls residing in Manila.

When questioned by the police, the youth said the pictures were those of his girl friends, the police said.

The girls, summoned by the police to verify the youth's claim, screamed on seeing the young heckler.

They allegedly identified him as the robber who broke into their house last October and ran off with cash and valuables.

The youth allegedly confessed to robbing the girls at gunpoint. He said he took the pictures from the handbags and kept them as souvenirs in his hideout.—China Mail Special.

Koca Popovic's Trip

Belgrade, Nov. 8. M. Koca Popovic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, was for a State visit to Russia, Belgrade, Koca Popovic's trip.

He is attending the present session of the United Nations Organisation in New York, M. Belohovostkov told a meeting at the Embassy Hall in connection with the British-Soviet Friendship month. "The Soviet Union stands for the wide

Four Good Girls



Four good little girls all ready for the winter four times over are the five-year-old Farm, Nettleton, Wiltshire, to which they have moved with their parents from Westernleigh, Gloucestershire.—Reuterphoto.

Malenkov Policy Continuation Of Stalinist Line

London, Nov. 8. The home and foreign policy of Soviet Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov was endorsed in week-end speeches in Moscow to mark the 36th anniversary of the Russian revolution.

The speeches were made by two of the prominent leaders of the Soviet state and Army.

Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, the 72-year-old head of the Soviet State and a Soviet military hero, delivered the traditional November 8 speech at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the white-bearded Defence Minister, who is more of a professional politician than soldier, reviewed the military parade in Red Square on Saturday and made a short speech.

One of the key passages of the Voroshilov speech called for an all-round strengthening of Soviet armed forces.

Marshal Bulganin also spoke of the need for a strong Soviet Army.

The general tone of the Voroshilov speech indicated that Soviet foreign policy today, in its basic essentials, was very little changed from the foreign policy of the Stalin era.

It seemed to endorse the Soviet attitude expressed in the latest Kremlin note to the West which failed to accept the invitation for four-power talks in Lugano.

The military part of the parade in Red Square this year was shorter than in previous years, as was the case with the May Day parade this year.

A GESTURE
Emphasis on the Soviet Government drive to provide more of the good things of life for the civilians is great in Russia today. Nevertheless, Army leaders figured prominently in the week-end celebrations.

Soviet affairs students here regarded as interesting the selection of Voroshilov to make the anniversary speech. In the first place, his appearance killed speculation that he might be seriously ill.

There was no mention of him performing his official duties for some six weeks, but he has reappeared on the scene—presumably after a routine holiday—within the last fortnight.

It has not been customary for the head of the Soviet State to make the major policy speech, always delivered on Nov. 8.

The selection of Voroshilov as the spokesman seems to be a gesture by Malenkov indicating that his regime is solidly backed by the "old guard" and by the Army. Voroshilov is the oldest surviving contemporary of Stalin and was a close friend in his youth, when they were both engaged in revolutionary work against the Czarists.—China Mail Special.

"DEEPLY CONVINCED"
London, Nov. 8. M. N. Belohovostkov, Russian Charge d'Affaires in London, said tonight the Soviet people "are deeply convinced at the present time that there is no outstanding issue which could not be settled in a peaceful way on a basis of initial agreement."

Referring to the Soviet Ambassador, M. Jacob Malik, who is attending the present session of the United Nations Organisation in New York, M. Belohovostkov told a meeting at the Embassy Hall in connection with the British-Soviet Friendship month. "The Soviet Union stands for the wide

Cambodian King Returns To His Capital

PROMISE TO FRENCH

Pnompenh, Nov. 8. King Norodom Sihanouk, the young ruler of Cambodia, today celebrated his first day in the capital of his country after five months of voluntary exile, by promising that his army would launch large-scale operations against the Vietnamese on Cambodian territory.

The King, immediately after his return, issued an appeal to the Cambodian people and to the population of the capital in particular to co-operate fully with the civil and military authorities for the pacification of the province and the defence of the country "against treason by rebels and the invasion of the land by foreigners, among whom the Vietnamese came first."

As the result of military autonomy granted by France to Cambodia, said the King, Cambodian chiefs of staff would be put in charge of Cambodian troops in each province. He expressed the earnest hope that this national command would make life less difficult and less subject to incidents and accidents resulting from misunderstanding between foreigners and the local population.

In an exclusive interview granted to A.P.P., the King answered with a definite "yes" when he was asked if the unified army under his command would launch large-scale operations against the Vietnamese on his territory. He added that, as far as possible, he would give arms to the fighting forces of the nation so that they could take an active part in the struggle against the Vietnamese and against the Cambodian Isarak rebels.

BIG WELCOME
The King pointed out that Cambodia would need weapons for that purpose and he only intended to remain a few days in his capital to organise the new military command and to study economic and financial questions before "making a tour of Cambodian provinces."

Earlier, the King had returned to Pnompenh amid scenes of great rejoicing after five months of voluntary exile which followed his flight to Thailand. The King, who returned to Cambodia from Thailand, refused to reside in the capital and stayed at Siemreap. His flight from the country and capital was a gesture against the French in Cambodia's bid for complete autonomy.

The young monarch was greeted by a 100-gun salute, the ringing of church bells, Cambodian soldiers, wearing yellow berets, formed guards of honour and school children, clad in blue and white with yellow scarves, waved small Cambodian flags and shouted "Long live the king."

First act of the monarch after his return was to mount the throne of Cambodia and to receive the homage of high officials clad in ceremonial robes.

One of the King's gestures to mark his return to Pnompenh was to free 300 political prisoners, sentenced to short terms, for sedition propaganda. Some 600 prisoners were released in various camps which formerly were operated by the French forces but which have been handed over to Cambodian command.—France-Press.

CHARGE BY M.P.

London, Nov. 8. Mr. Penner, Breckway, a Labour member of Parliament, said tonight that the British Government was "creating a police State in British Guiana."

He said the Government had justified the suspending of the Colony's constitution on the need to prevent a police State from being established there by the People's Progressive Party.—Reuter.

Britain Breaks Records

London, Nov. 8. The number of cars manufactured in Britain during September—64,204. In the five-week period—broke all previous records. It was announced today.

The previous highest monthly total was set up in June when 57,835 cars were produced.

Of the cars manufactured in September, 27,865 were for export.

The Government monthly digest of statistics which gave this news, also disclosed other records that have been broken in Britain in 1953.

British airlines flew more miles (4,875,000), carried more passengers (301,000) and more freight (10,215 tons) in July than in any previous month.

In September, more people (2,018,000) had television licences than ever before.—Reuter.

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non-stop Sonja starts her first holiday for 17 years



SONJA HENIE with lawyer

A STOCKHOLM. T-41 Sonja Henie at last seems to be smiling. The sign: she is taking a holiday.

She is going to the Riviera for three weeks. It is her first holiday since she turned professional in 1936.

Two months' record-breaking at the box office has tired her out.

I have been on and off with her fabulous revue since it opened in her native Oslo on August 19 and came on to Stockholm.

And that is why I now present the Most Fantastic Show Woman in the World—Miss Sonja Henie—the only lasting name on ice there has ever been, or probably will ever be.

I make no apology, although you may hate ice shows and the name Sonja Henie may bore you to death.

"How in the world does she still do it at all at the age of 41?" I have kept asking myself. I am only three years older than Sonja, and used to run over ten 3ft. Gin. hurdles; but a fraction of the physical effort she makes every night would kill me.

Yet she is as nimble as when she first appeared in the Olympic Winter Games at the age of 12—at Chamonix in 1924. Since 1928, when she won the first of her three Olympic titles, she has never flopped as an amateur or professional.

by RALPH HEWINS

Yet she is not loved in Norway. She became an American citizen. She is considered high-hat. Norwegians are jealous of her success.

How is it maintained at her age? How can she make five all-out appearances each night (sometimes twice nightly), totalling a whole hour, with the rumba, hula-hula, dizzy spins, and acrobatic jumps thrown in?

These are some of the ingredients of success by strain after the age of 40:—
FIRST—stimulants. Champagne, raw eggs, and oxygen. Injections to deaden the pain when she strains a muscle. Regular face and body massage.

TRAINING. She never takes it easy and always gives her best. She warms up for half an hour and usually warms down by ballroom dancing late into the night.

ENTHUSIASM. "I will skate anywhere in the world—including Moscow—where the ice conditions are good."

SELF-CONFIDENCE. This comes of being 25 years on top. Her amateur record will never be equalled. She invented ice ballet and made it a gold mine in defiance of Hollywood.

When the Canadian "Sugar Plum Fairy," Barbara Ann Scott, who is half Sonja's age, opened a rival ice show, the "Oriental Queen" took the hall next door.

EGOTISM. In her Oslo programme there are 28 photographs of Miss Henie, including a full page of her amateur trophies, and only 13 insets of her 160 strong company.

She is clever enough not to overload the show with herself, but no other star gets a real look-in. Britain's blonde Joyce Lockwood gets the only non-Sonja female solo and comes on in a hideous blue and crimson dress, immediately after Queen Henie in all her glory.

Foreign language Press criticism is toned down in translation to suit her.

A smile hides such a rich frown

SHE'S FABULOUS, SHE'S 41, AND HER SECRET IS: SUCCESS BY STRAIN



The Sonja you know

BUSINESS ACUMEN. In Oslo she risked her £125,000 costumes outdoors for the first time. One shower would have ruined them. So she proposed a deal to the tax-gatherers—£5,000 entertainment tax for the run, wet or fine. Show or no show.

Only one show was cancelled because of rain and she saved more than £40,000 in tax.

LUCK. Norwegians talk about "Sonja weather." Almost every one of the 32 Oslo days was wet or overcast. One night the rain stopped as the golden curtains went up and restarted as they came down.

But Sonja has bad luck too. In Baltimore she stands collapsed, injuring hundreds who are suing her for millions.

One Party

FIGHTING SPIRIT. Rather than pay preposterous claims, Sonja has risked unpopularity by fighting each case right up to the Supreme Court if necessary.

THRIFT. In the nearly two years the present company has toured with her she has given only one party for the cast. It lasted half an hour, most of which Sonja spent in her palatial upstairs drawing-rooms, with white calf-skin upholstery, while she drank champagne with personal friends.

The "riff-raff" had weak cocktails and sandwiches. **SHOWMANSHIP.** She does not court private popularity, but she is the eternal show woman. You can almost feel her dragging the last round of applause from the gods. While she still draws a single cheer she will never give up. "She'll die on skates," the cast say.

PHOTOGENICITY. She fixes on the rubber while she comes through the dressing-room door as firmly as she fixes on the oxygen mask inside. She knows her angles and is seldom caught napping.

She has hundreds of flattering shots in reply to every time the camera does its worst. She nursing children to £2,500 a week as an ice queen.

that she is still the "pretty little ice-princess" of a quarter of a century ago, as she still seems in action before her public today.

FASHION FLAIR. On and off the ice her expensive taste seldom verges on vulgarity. Jewellery is her weakness. Co-skaters say "Sonja doesn't only play her 'ice' show, she wears it." They call her enormous diamond ring "the rock pile."

JOY OF LIVING. Perhaps that sums up the analysis of "The Iron Woman." Applause, money, champagne, dancing, luxury and love—Sonja revels in them all.

She has married twice, and since August has been out bloodily with her childhood sweetheart, handsome Kjell Holm, a Norwegian sardine king.

THE FAMILY. No analysis would be complete without mentioning that strictly liability company, The Henies Incorporated.

Papa Henie deliberately trained her for amateur laurels when she and professional limelight. He it was who first managed her business. Since his death it is brother Leif who encouraged her to skate as a child.

Mamma Henie has never missed one of her performances. Always in the back-stage, checking the hairdresser and oxygen apparatus, listening for disloyal gossip, watching for ticket fiddling, tending off unwanted admirers, and later in the evening sitting-in on parties.

If the Henies have not managed to buy happiness, they have certainly worked for it. Is it worth while? I doubt it.

I can well understand why Britain's Olympic figure skating champion, Miss Jeannette Altwegg, O.B.E., preferred the nursing children to £2,500 a week as an ice queen.

JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD

By Peter Lovegrove

HUNDREDS of thousands of words have been written, and as many uttered, about the outstanding achievement of 1953—the first successful ascent of the 29,002-ft. Mount Everest last May by Colonel Sir John Hunt's expedition. But none, however eloquent, can bring home the extent of the achievement, the difficulties and perils that were overcome, the rigours entailed, and the wild, rugged beauty of the area as the magnificent colour film of the enterprise which has just had its premiere in London.

Film records of great adventures do not necessarily make great adventure films, but "The Conquest of Everest" is a happy and notable exception. It was photographed by Tom Stobart, the 35-year-old official cameraman of the expedition, an expert mountaineer himself who had already climbed in the Alps, the Carpathians and the Himalayas, and been on the Anglo-Scandinavian expedition of 1949-52 to the Antarctic. He took his heavy cameras up to some 21,000 feet and with telephoto lenses was able to film 5,000 feet above him. Other lightweight cameras were taken and used by New Zealand schoolmaster George Lowe to within three thousand feet of the summit.

More Camps

Still more camps were set up—at 27,350ft on a bleak and desolate spot resembling a lunar landscape, and at 27,000 feet, the latter being a mere platform one yard wide and 6 ft. long on which Hillary and Tensing spent an uncomfortable night before their successful final assault up a saw-edged blade-like ridge to reach the top of the world on May 29.

No Faking

The film was cut and put into shape in England—only about one-fifth of the available material being used—and a commentary written by poet Louis MacNeice and spoken by Meredith Edwards as well as sound and musical effects were added, while the voices of Hunt, Hillary and The Times correspondent are also heard. One of the film's particular virtues is that the final scenes of the drama, but from start to finish not a single scene has been faked, and yet it is more vivid and vastly more exciting than many of the ambitious studio-planned "epics" that I can recall.

It opens in the panelled rooms of the Royal Geographical Society in London, where the expedition was planned, depicts the preparations at home and the scientific research—the experiments in wind-tunnels on tents and clothing, the test on boots and compressed foods, on respiration and oxygen cylinders and masks—then swings abruptly to Nepal, cut off from the rest of the world by a chain of mountains.

Sherpa Tensing

There are no roads into Nepal: the climbers had to march 18 miles over a high ridge while supplies were brought in by a remarkable system of connected ropeways. At Katmandu, the capital, we meet the experienced, ever-smiling Tensing and the Sherpa porters, those tough, intelligent, friendly and brave hill tribesmen who carry loads of 60 lbs up the steepest climbs with cheerfulness and courage, and the party then moves 175 miles over foothills and through narrow gorges filled with fir, scarlet rhododendrons and beautiful magnolia trees past the Buddhist monastery of Thyangboche with its holy bells to the foot of the Khumbu glacier, where the base camp was

Beyond Praise

All Sir John's party, whether British or Sherpa, showed stamina and determination beyond praise, but it was their well-knit teamwork, in which each had his vital part to play and undertook it quite selflessly which helped to solve the long-standing challenge of Everest.

Colour adds notably to the success of the film, but with the pictures having a grandeur and a poetry all their own, the music tends to be too blatant at times, and the commentary a little too precious. There is, perhaps, too much striving for the glittering phrase, which contrasts markedly with the matter-of-fact descriptions of the actual climbers, and too few details of the very real problems set on the final assault, such as the delay owing to the weather, the race against time, and the oxygen difficulties.

Also, it seems a pity that none of the "still" photographs taken on the top of Everest has been included. The producers obviously considered that these might have broken the dramatic form and movement of the film record, but in view of the world-wide distribution of the film it was a risk worth taking.

ARTIE'S HEADLINE



"Another 'Up-Tite' remark from you and I'll get myself a new partner!"

THE DUFFLE TWINS

by DODD



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WAGANA pul uola bu bal padap mut, says the proverb of the Gulghat hillmen. "He who lingers too long at the banquet gets the cheapest overcoat in the cloakroom."

A guest in a West End restaurant recently complained that on leaving, he was handed an overcoat from which someone had cut the sleeves, and he said angrily, "One doesn't expect that sort of thing in places like this." Hilly-hilly, sir! Does he think that just because a thin-skinned of dubious character costs 12s. 6d., the customers are above suspicion? How does he think they make their money?

Hurrah for the Mayor!

NEXT to the stockbrokers, financiers and club-dub people, who grow pale at the mere rumour of an earlier international situation, I pity newly-elected mayors. More and more towns are retreating their freeholders, and so injuring their dignity. You cannot run after a bus while wearing the chain of office, it is too late to be late. One mayor had himself pushed to the town hall in a wheelbarrow, as a protest. But this made him popular with the young citizens that he defeated his own aim.

More complications

DEAR MISS SLOPCHNER, In the absence of Mr. Suet I write to inform you that it will be

necessary for you to append your signature to the deleted word "hills" and also to each deletion of the words "mobile horse-trough" and substitution of "bird-cage". We note that you completed the forms in pencil, and that your grandmother's maiden name was in block letters. We are therefore sending (a) the old forms for initialing where indicated, (b) a new set of forms for completion in ink, (c) a form of cancellation of the previous erroneous application for permit for licence, (d) a leaflet giving directions for the system to be followed in applying for the licence when the permit has been granted.

Yours faithfully,
Thibina Bodie, secretary.

Under the yamcore

THE little egg man has gone into the business. His name is Pop, and his hat is made of cheese. He is so small that he can walk under his uncle's dog. His uncle's dog's name is Prowler, and every time Prowler barks his little rubber boots fill with chalk. Tomorrow Pop is going to meet an ironmonger who always gives him a toy trumpet stuffed with charcoal. Won't that be fun?

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Opening lead—♦ Q	

By OSWALD JACOBY

AN opening bid of four in a suit is usually made on a hand of great offensive strength but with little defensive strength. Your purpose in making such a bid is threefold: you hope to have a play for the contract if you are allowed to become declarer; you want to make the bidding difficult for your opponents by forcing them to guess at their best contract at a high level; and you want to warn your partner that a slam is unlikely even though your hand is quite powerful for offensive purposes.

In today's hand, South held just about the strongest hand that is ever bid in this way. It is very difficult for the opponents to compete, but they can actually make a slam at spades. Instead, they allowed South to play the hand and make a low club in hearts.

South played a low club from dummy on the opening lead and ruffed in his own hand. He then proceeded to lead six rounds of trumps, discarding a diamond and four clubs from the dummy. It is always difficult for the defenders to discard properly in hands of this sort. If they attempt to inform each other, they give information at the same time to declarer, and if they make no such attempt, they run into the danger of saving the wrong cards.

In this case West discarded all his clubs, and East discarded some clubs and some spades. South correctly decided that West had begun with fewer diamonds than East. He therefore tried for a diamond trick by leading a low diamond from his own hand. West properly played low, and dummy's queen forced out East's ace. East shifted to spades, and South ruffed the second round. South now led a low diamond, forcing out West's king. Thus declarer's jack of diamonds furnished his tenth trick.

CARD SERVICES

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart 1 Spade 2 Clubs Pass 2
You, South, hold: Spades 7-6-2, Hearts K-Q-7-3, Diamonds Q-5-2, Clubs 8-7-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. This is a miserable hand, but there is no harm in taking your partner back to his first suit. He has asked you to choose between diamonds and clubs, and you indicate which suits you prefer.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-3, Hearts K-Q-7-3, Diamonds Q-5-2, Clubs 8-7-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS

THESE "GLOVES" ARE SEVERAL SIZES TOO SMALL FOR GLOVES.

WELL, YOU ASKED FOR GLOVES, KID.

Don't Permit School Absence Without A Good Reason

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

THE child who misses many days of school may fall back in his studies and grow discouraged. Besides this, his absence causes his teacher extra work in trying to help him catch up on his arrears, and to this extent, robs the other children of her best services to them.

get the school assignment to will miss and should make up. In some cases, teachers are co-operative and even lenient in such matters. If the school law states that no absences are excusable except for illness or death in the family, both parents and teacher may conspire in violating it. Yet such a law seems to have more weight in its favour than against it.

Harmful to Child

Whatever we do to contribute to the child's health makes possible his regularity at school. But many a child is allowed to remain home from school, occasionally and frequently, for no good reason. The child may wish to stay home one day and play with a visiting cousin, or to go with his parents on a brief trip. Even if we grant that either experience might be as valuable from an educational point of view as the child's absence, his absence for such purposes could suggest to him that being in school regularly is not very important. If a number of parents were to follow such a course, they could seriously interfere with the school's efficiency.

Proper Procedure

Wise parents who do plan to keep the child out of school for a special trip or other experience get in touch with the teacher beforehand, have the matter understood by her, and

Great moral harm can come to the child when his parents make no arrangements with the teacher before keeping him out of school, but sign an excuse stating that he was sick. The child knows this to be perjury, for he would be lying for him to press his parents into perjury after "playing hooky". From this, it could be an easy step for the child to write and sign for himself a false excuse for an absence about which his parents had not known.

These abuses often become worse in junior and senior high school. Many a youth will slip off from school with his friends for an afternoon escapade, knowing he can forge an excuse next day himself or get his parents to write one for him.

It's amazing how many parents are ready to write a false excuse for a child. In doing so, they really are partners in his delinquency. Also, a large number of youths forge excuses and get away with it. These practices can seriously disrupt good school discipline, especially when the parents are the perpetrators.

Effective Checking

Often the school is at fault in not checking excuses more carefully, notably when the same student presents them frequently. When in doubt, the signature of each parent should be kept on file as a means of verifying doubtful excuse signatures.

In case children or their parents are found to use excuses falsely, they should be required to face the facts and be made aware of the gravity of the offence.

Household Hints

It is easier to put up screens of the "spring" type if you rub soap along the edges of the screens and the tracks on which they fit.

Colourful and durable throw rugs are now made of plastic sheeting, moulded in deep, springy carpet textures. They are non-slip, easy to keep clean, and resist water, soaps, detergents, grease, foods and most chemicals. Also scuff, tear and crack resistant, they are useful in every room in the house, and come in a wide choice of decorator colours.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch Invented A Swing

—The Seat Was a Twig; A Spider Spun the Ropes—

By MAX TRELL

"MR PUNCH," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, to his old friend, "when you were a boy, did you enjoy swinging on a swing?"

Mr Punch was sitting in his easy chair beside the sunny window. He looked up with a smile.

"When I was a boy," Mr Punch replied, "I didn't have a swing. I had to invent one."

"You did?" exclaimed Knarf. "How?"

An Old Spider

"Well," said Mr Punch, "when I was a small boy, one of my best friends was an old spider who lived in a corner of our cellar window. She—"

"I don't like spiders," Knarf interrupted.

"Neither did Miss Muffet," said Mr Punch with a smile. "Neither do lots of other folk."

"Neither do the flies," said Knarf.

Mr Punch nodded. "Spiders aren't as bad as they look. It's

a good idea, too, that they invent the spider web. They save us the trouble of swatting them. But to get back to the swing, I decided that my old friend the spider could help me make one."

"Let me explain," said Mr Punch. "To make a swing, you need two ropes to attach to something high, let's say the branch of a tree. You also need a seat which has to be attached to the lower ends of the two ropes. The seat can be a small piece of board or a strong twig."

"Finding a seat is easy," said Knarf.

A Seat Is Easy

"Yes," agreed Mr Punch. "Finding a seat is easy. When I invented my first swing, I had no trouble finding a seat. It was the rope part that was hard. My mother had a long clothesline, but I couldn't take that because she needed it to hang her clothes on. The only thing left for me to do was to have my own rope made. That's why I went to my friend the spider."

"Can you speak to spiders, Mr Punch?" Knarf asked in amazement.

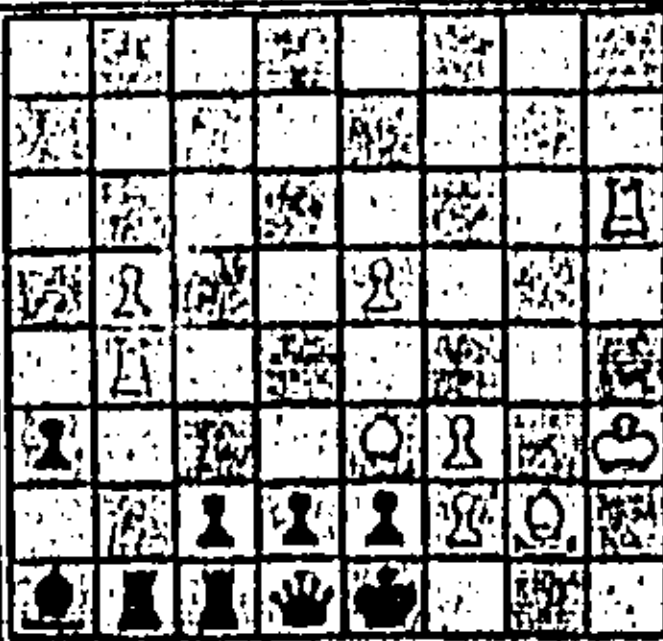
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CHESS PROBLEM

By G. LATZEL

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play, mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Kx-K16, any; 2. Q, R, or Kx-K16, any; 3. Q, R, or Kx-K16, any.

Rupert's Coral Island—6



At the town of Nuthamer Rupert and his mother have changed from their slow train into one with a corridor and now they are speeding toward the sea. All at once the little bear sees someone walking past his window. "Why, surely, that's Pauline, one of our village girl-guides! Is she?"

A smart idea has paid off

By Anne Edwards



JOHN FRENCH pictures the sort of knitted elegance that is being made by the blind—a black batwing sweater in thick wool.

London. FOUND at last, in the realms where they almost always deal with the world as it should be—an enterprise that deals with the world as it is.

Found at last—a woman who works for a worth-while cause on a business basis.

Her job was to sell the clothes that blind people knit. She put her shirt on the idea that the clothes they knitted need no longer be dowdy and costly; they could be simple and medium priced. Then they could make money out of it and so could she.

SWIFT AND EVEN

"I realised that really and truly nobody wanted to wear what the blind were knitting," says Miss Betty Doyle. "They would much rather just send a cheque."

"Believe me, blind people are the most expert knitters in the world. They have no distractions, and they knit swiftly and evenly. But they used to rely on anyone at home to do the styling and making up."

"Everyone said I was mad when I decided that the idea of selling clothes knitted by the blind could be put on a commercial basis. But I knew that all that was wanted was first-class design."

"We started six months ago with six knitters and part of a shop window in a hair-dresser's as a showpiece. This month we have moved into a salon of our own in Knightsbridge, and we have 60 knitters."

THEIR DELIGHT

"I pay them more than the rates they get elsewhere. They're mostly old; they do it for pocket money; and they like the feeling that people are buying their clothes because they like them, and not out of charity."

"It delights them to know that well-dressed women like Vivien Leigh and Dorothy McKean and Elizabeth Allan wear the clothes they knit because they are smarter than most in the shop, and because they can be made to measure."

"For my workers the design has to be smart and simple—and that makes the best clothes."

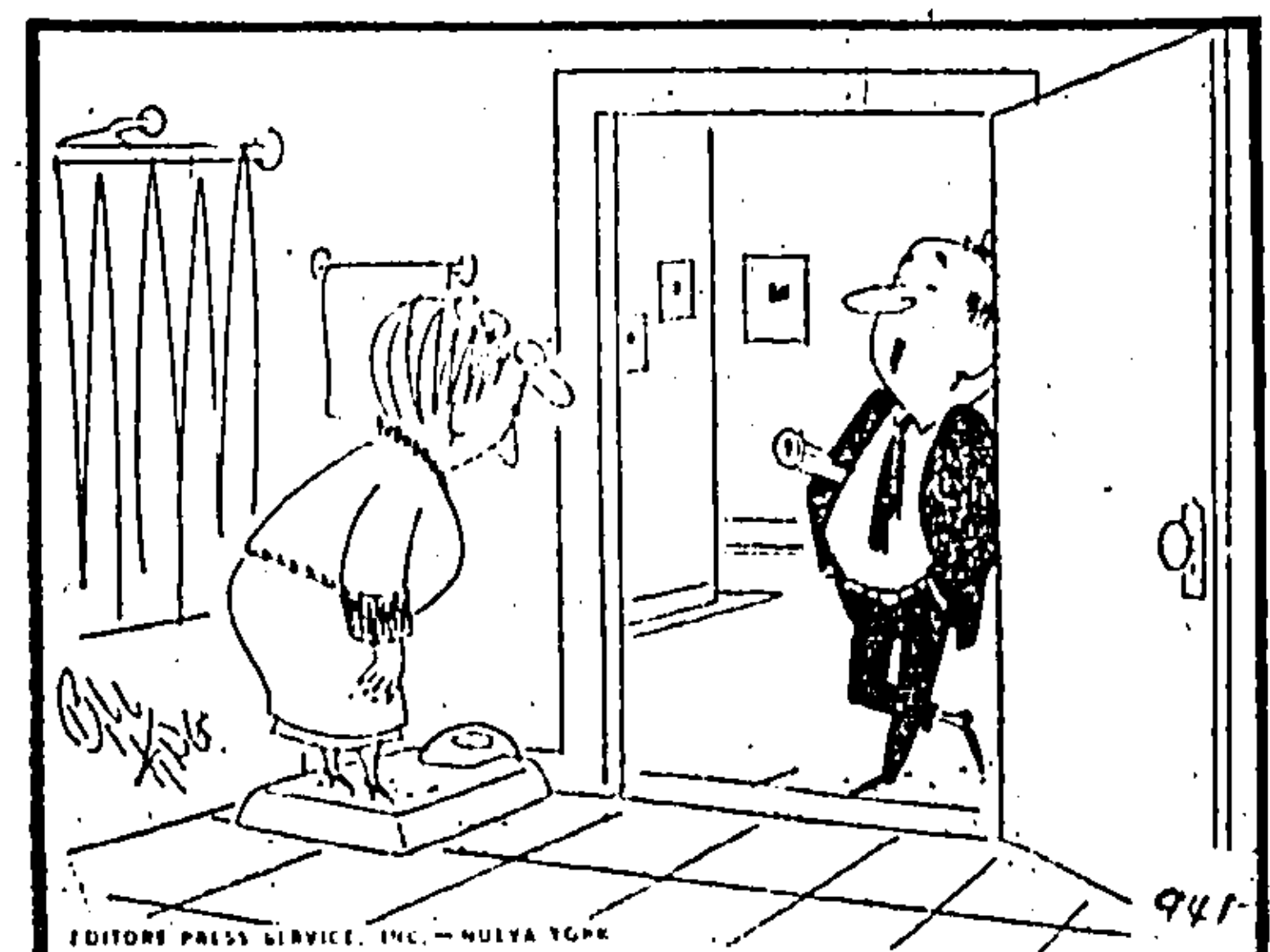
—(London Express Service)

Trim Suit



By GRACE THORNCIFFE

TWEED is tops this year, and the herringbone weave is favoured for nice, good, practical everyday suits, a real wardrobe backbone for career and college girls. Black and white herringbone tweed has been deftly handled for a neat suit with a short, boxy, curved front jacket that closes with three black buttons. A black velvet collar and tapered sleeves that are cut in one with the jacket for a soft shoulder line are other details. The jacket is lined in black velvet which makes it nice and snug, and there's a velvet blouse. The straight skirt has a black velvet waistband.



"I think I can help you lose weight. I got fired today."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

BORN today, you may have a brilliant future provided that early in life you learn to curb your impulsive recklessness. You are first of all a person of action and like to see things moving all the time. Give a little more thought to a programme, however, and your plans are more likely to materialise as you want them to, the first time you try.

You are tactful and diplomatic, yet forcefully energetic. You know what you want but figure out the most polite way to go about getting it. Still, without you are

direct, straightforward and honest in your intentions. You just plan to get what you want with as little friction as possible. You have the gift of knowing how to work with people. Your sharp sense of humour helps you over many a rugged road. You are quite like to work with and for you.

You find languages easy and would probably enjoy traveling. You can make use of this gift. Yet you will want to have something to do when you are always returning. You are attractive to members of the opposite sex before you finally settle down. But once you do, it is for life. You will probably be happiest if you stick close to home today. Your major interests will centre there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): Native wisdom, when used properly, can solve all your major difficulties with the greatest of ease. Today, pieces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) don't permit yourself to get entangled in any disputes. Trivial misunderstandings could snowball into a big fight. (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) you can never be embarrassed by making a false move if you always keep your emotions well under control.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Develop a new business idea carefully before burning all your bridges and embarking upon something new.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): A friendly, happy day. Make the most of all personal contacts. You could combine business and pleasure.

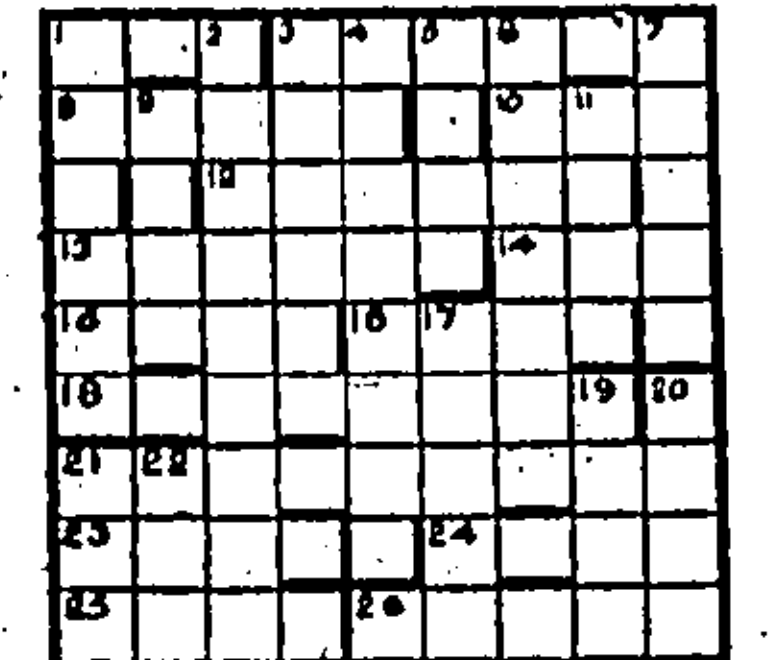
CANCER (June 22-July 23): Pay careful attention to home duties today. There will be a lot to do. Do it efficiently now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Be very sure of all your facts if you are going to meet heavy combat today. Be prepared to fight.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Friendship is most important. Hold on to your friends. They are few and far between.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): It may be your last day and your pleasure to assist someone who needs help. Perhaps it is someone who is ill.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Singularly stable on the wing? (9)
2. I am a very foolish fellow — (King Lear). (3, 3)
3. This and cabbage are Covent Garden specialties. (5)
4. Muses without manuscript. (9)
5. A bear to the east, sailor? (4)
6. My dear love? — thinks of me in the tavern. (5)
7. I can't know. (5)
8. My dear love? — thinks of me in the tavern. (5)
9. Four around. (4)
10. A bear to the east, sailor? (4)
11. A crippling proposition for a college head. (6)
12. The river one for a play. (4)
13. A river in the house. (4)
14. Hindu doctrine. (4)
15. Sedha mountains. (5)

Down

1. Headgear for the crowd? (10)
2. This home for the sea slants? (9)
3. Do you now the speaker's ended. (5)
4. A man in the lock, for a sky-lark. (5)
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SOLUTION TO CHECK SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

WHAT'S HER LINE?

DOREEN MYLNE

Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

SAINTS SHOW DEVASTATING FORM TO BEAT CAA AND STAY UNBEATEN

By "SNOOPER"

Jindoo Hussain's colourful Saints revealed devastating form when they beat Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association by 4 to 1 to maintain their unbeaten record in the feature Senior "A" softball tussle at King's Park yesterday.

In the other Senior "A" tilt, third baseman Bill Williams had a hand in the USS Orea's 9-0 triumph over Alfredo Oliveira's slumping Warriors, the feature of which was Williams' brilliant three hits in three efforts, including a home run in the third stanza.

The Saints' victory over the Chinese Athletic Association yesterday was a convincing one. Winning pitcher Vic Pedruco was mainly responsible for the Saints' third successive win, with catcher Igor Etchakzen there, as usual, in support.

Previous victories received were over the Warriors by 11-0 and the Rexes by 2-0. A good crowd of spectators saw Pedruco yielding five hits after going the full distance for his team with a good brand of pitching.

The Saints' success boosted their prospects for the Pennant this season, and their fielders, including the welcome return of veteran shortstop Dave Leonard, did not wilt under the pressure exerted by the Chinese hitters who collected five hits off Pedruco.

Leonard was given a real chance to prove his ability at shortstop and with the exception of an error in the fifth canto, his play must be considered a good one.

ENDED FAMILEY
Although the encounter between the Saints and the CAA was billed as the main attraction, the game did not provide sufficient thrills and ended tamely with the Saints exerting superiority over the Chinese ballplayers.

Frank Poon's players should not have lost by such a margin as 4-1. They had the ability to do better. But they failed because their star pitcher, Tony Kwok, had a miserable afternoon.

After deliberation work for less than 10 minutes in the first inning he was replaced by rightfielder P. C. Wong.

Kwok started off very shakily to walk Art Ozerio and Benny Omar and then threw a wild pitch which enabled Ozerio to cross the plate for the Saints' initial run.

That was sent to right field for the rest of the game.

Although Wong's pitches were never effective he was cool and confident and he got solid support from the infield.

He gave his supporters much encouragement.

With "Showboat" All at third, Benny Omar at second, Dave Leonard at first to load the bases, and none away, excitement was at fever pitch when Pedruco walked up to the plate to face Wong.

Pedruco did not enjoy success as he slipped out, and with both Joachim Colloco and Iemar Erickson retired in that order.

ALL BLACKS BEAT LONDON COUNTIES

Twickenham, Nov. 7.

The New Zealand touring Rugby Union All-Blacks won what is expected to be the hardest match on their tour, when they beat London Counties by 11 points (one goal, one penalty goal and a try) to nil today.

London Counties have in recent years beaten the Wallabies and the Springboks touring sides, but could not make much headway though they won most of the scrums against a tough side today.

A crowd of 50,000 watched a struggle noteworthy more for sheer physical toughness than for polished play. The All-Blacks deserved their win because they made full use of their chances.

Nim Hall, usually so reliable, failed as a kicker of penalty goals for London.

The pick of the New Zealand side were Scott, a great full back, Fitzgerald at centre, Ordo on the wing, and Skidner, R. A. White and Stuart of the forwards.

Sykes at scrum half, Labus Chagne, the hooker, and forwards Neal and Wilson did the best for London.

It was not an impressive performance by the New Zealand line, but the tour is young and they must be satisfied that they overcame the combination which had mastered the other touring sides.

Yet on this form, these All-Blacks do not seem to be as good as the 1951 Springboks. They owed their success to-day almost entirely to their eight giant forwards. The general play behind the scrum was only ordinary. There seemed to be a "coughed hole" of ideas and rarely saw a clever feat or a piercing run by the five-eighths or centre.

The crowd at Twickenham record for this type of match, never saw this best feature of the rugby game, which is fast open play with the backs handling the ball freely.

Flanagan scored one try for the tourists which was

converted by A. Jarden, who was also successful with a penalty kick. The other try was the result of a scrum on the London line and the All-Blacks fell in a body on the ball as they pushed over. It was credited to Dalzell.—Reuter.

COUNTY MATCHES

London, Nov. 7.
North Midlands, Lancashire and Gloucestershire won their Rugby Union County Championship matches while Cumberland and Westmoreland drew with Yorkshire to-day.

Lancashire, showing fine skill in handling, beat Cheshire by four goals and two tries to one penalty goal. Some of their movements, especially late in the game, proved far too much for their opponents. F. G. Griffiths, their right centre, scored 14 points—two tries and four conversions.

North Midlands also had an easy victory, beating Notts, Lincs and Derby by two goals, one dropped goal, one penalty goal and two tries to one goal and one penalty goal.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Notts, Lincs and Derby led at the interval. But after the resumption they had some fine handling movements and added 10 points.

Gloucestershire, after holding the 14th Devon, forwards in the first half, failed to win by one goal and one penalty goal to nil. Devon, group champions last season, made the mistake of neglecting their backs until it was too late.—Reuter.

In sheer desperation, failed to score a run.

ORCA TOO GOOD

The failure of their batters to unsettle pitcher Ray Williams and the inability of their two pitchers, Sonny Machado and Gogio Marques, to curb the might of the Orea clouters, particularly third baseman Bill Williams, were the chief factors in the 9-0 shutout defeat of Alfredo Oliveira's Warriors in a top-sided Senior "A" tilt.

The Orea once again established themselves as a softball force to be reckoned with when they return to the Colony in December, and in their farewell League performance yesterday before a capacity crowd, they proved too good for the gallant Warriors.

Star hurler Joey Franco had to stand down yesterday owing to a bad knee and his place was taken over by relief pitcher Gogio Marques for three innings and Sonny Machado for the rest of the game.

The Warriors, without their leading pitcher and without a schemer behind the squad, displayed chaos and were literally massacred. The Orea outlasted them for 10 hits against three and tallied nine runs without any reprieve.

Pitchers Marques and Machado could not find the answer to those slamming tactics of the Orea, and with their determination and the speedball hurling of Williams, the Orea gained victory without having to fight that hard.

Williams scored three hits while Bill Williams secured two honours at bat, piling out three times including one home run.

The Orea superiority was seen in the first inning when the Orea tallied twice through shortstop Leroy Kingsbury and centre-fielder Bob Hall. Kingsbury was walked by "Gogio" Marques, followed by two clever bunts by Hall and Williams respectively to load the bases.

Right-fielder Jim Linville's pop fly to centre scored Kingsbury. Left-fielder Donald Chambers was next fanned out, but a bunt by Ray Williams enabled Hall to cross the plate for the Orea's second run.

As if this was not enough, Milhas scored again from a penalty a few minutes later.

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The Club were playing well at this point, and Craig took a long kick from about twenty yards inside the Saigon half, and scored beautifully. This seemed to put a lot of heart into the Club, and they now attacked the French with greater fervour than before.

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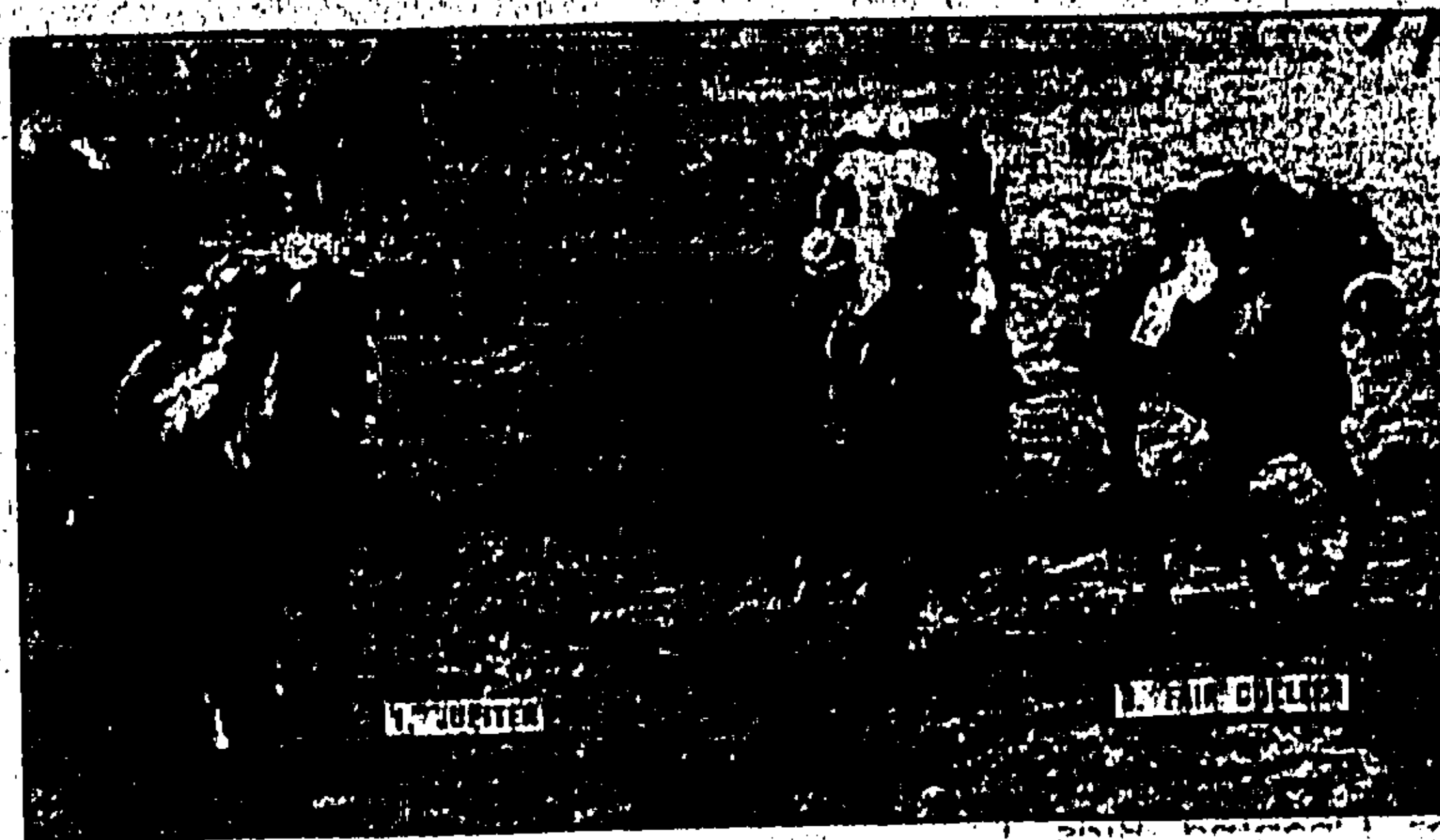
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JUPITER WINS CAMBRIDGESHIIRE



The finish of the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket with Sir Gordon Richards winning on Jupiter. Jupiter, who had been the early favourite, drifted in the market when the rain came as nobody expected him to stay the distance.—Express Photo.

French Experience The Least Difficulty Holding On To The Jobez Cup

By "PAK LO"

Saturday brought the third encounter between the Club and the Cercle Sportif Saigonais for the Jobez Cup. For the second time running it was won by the Frenchmen by the convincing score of 30 points to 6, and there was no doubt that they deserved their victory, for they were faster and fitter than the Club, and very much more on the *qui vive* for any openings that presented themselves.

This does not mean that the Club were overwhelmed as easily as the score indicates, and indeed for the regular Club followers it must have come as a pleasant surprise to discover that they had a good first XV after all.

But alas for the Club, most of the credit must go to those two players who were brought in to bolster up the side, i.e. Forsgate and Henderson, and without the excellent kicking and tackling of Henderson and the first class general work of Forsgate the score in Saigon's favour would have been greater.

The Club kicked off and carried the game into the French half but were soon back in their own half of the field, defending against the fast and clever running of the Saigon three.

Then a penalty was awarded to the French just inside the Club's half, and Milhas the French three-quarter, brought the crowd to their feet with a terrific kick which went perfectly between the posts to open the scoring for the French.

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WINTER MOVES IN ON THE HOME SOCCER SCENE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 7.
Winter is on the way. Look how the attendances at today's English League soccer matches dropped. The best crowd was a mere 45,000 at White Hart Lane for the London "Derby" in which the "Spurs beat Chelsea 2-1."

An unusual incident in this game was that Alf Ramsey, England's penalty king, failed to score with a spot kick for "Spurs". He is glad it didn't affect the final result.

Apart from the "Spurs-Chelsea" game, only the Newcastle-Cardiff clash attracted more than 40,000. Home supporters showed a high level of interest, as Newcastle had a run of six successive defeats at St. James Park by scoring four times without reply.

New boy Ivor Broadis scored two himself and laid on a third for Milburn.

The hardest hit clubs were in the Third Division North where heavy rain kept attendances down to a minimum. Only 3,000 saw Halifax draw with Chester and Rochdale beat Darlington.

Not even runaway leaders Port Vale could attract a big crowd and only 9,000 were present at Accrington to see the home team become the first side this season to score twice in one match against them.

The only hat-tricksters of the day were Hassall, Bolton and England inside-left, and Dick West Ham inside-left. Hassall and centre-forward Lofthouse, both of whom were playing against Ipswich on Wednesday, scored five of Bolton's six goals against Portsmouth in the biggest win of the day.

RECORD GOING

Division I leaders West Bromwich took two more points from bottom-of-the-table Sunderland to consolidate their own position and put the north-easterns further into the relegation zone.

It looks as if Sunderland's record of never having been relegated is due to be broken.

The day's affairs in Scotland saw Queen of the South running away with the Division 1 victory over bottom-of-the-table Hamilton, coupled with Dundee's defeat at Partick, gives them a six-point lead.

With 31 goals from 10 matches it looks as if they are going to make some stopping.

The chief reason for the Rangers fans. The Glasgow side scored their first goal in three weeks and it gave them a point at Aberdeen. But it still looks mighty queer to see Scotland's Champions just four places from the bottom of the table.

Wong Peng-soon Starts Four On Friday

Singapore, Nov. 9.
The unofficial World Badminton Champion, Wong Peng-soon, and four other players are leaving on Friday to play exhibition games in Taipei. It was learned today.

The invitation to Peng-soon and his team came from the Formosa Olympic Council.

It is understood that the Malaysian team will visit other cities including Hongkong, Tokyo and Bangkok after their exhibition in Formosa.

Besides Peng-soon, the team is made up of the current Malaysian Singles runner-up, Lim Koon-yun, Malaysian Doubles Champion Abdullah Pirus, and Singapore Champion Chong-chong.

There is the famous Scottish League club of Dumfries called Queen of the South, a name that has been known for centuries. Every June there is a local festival called "Gud Nychburis" (good neighbours) and the climax comes when a girl who is a native of Dumfries is crowned "Queen of the South."

Scottish St. Mirren took their name from an Irish Monk, Mirren who went to Paisley in the sixth century, with a church, and preached there for the rest of his life. He was afterwards adopted as patron saint of the town, and the football club's name is one of many local corruptions of the monk's name.

IRISH TEAM CHANGE
Belfast, Nov. 8.
Ireland have been forced to make a change in their World Cup soccer team to meet the Irish at Everton on Wednesday, through injury to the Glasgow Celtic outside-left, Tully.

Norman Lockhart, of Aston Villa, who was outside-left in the game against Scotland, brought in—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS



SING TAO HIT RAF FOR SIX IN THE SECOND HALF

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Here was the game to upset the amateur forecasters... even after one half of it had been played. As referee Barnett glanced at his watch to check the dying seconds of the first half, the RAF, forced a corner. They made a valiant effort to notch a goal, but a strangely unsettled Sing Tao defence held out and the interval whistle brought them a welcome breather.... They were fortunate in many ways to be on level terms with the RAF at one goal all.

Whatever happened to the two teams during the brief rest I just cannot surmise... but judging by the tactics of both after the re-start I'd say that someone gave the Airmen some poor advice... while Sing Tao seemed to have a cohesive plan for the first half.

The RAF defence disintegrated under the constant pressure that was exerted down the Sing Tao left wing. Jones began to wander off his beat, newcomer Boswell found the pace of the game too much for him and into the wider gaps that appeared Ho Cheung-yau and the ever efficient Ho Cheung-yu and in 12 minutes the score had moved from 1-1 to 4-1.

The first half of the game was excellent entertainment. The RAF, while they were still together, played some fine football. The Sing Tao defence did not show up at all well... in fact there were times when they showed only too clearly that they are very much suspect when under pressure... and against faster moving forwards they are going to be in trouble. Once or twice they resorted to very desperate clearances and I felt that the referee took a more lenient view than he should of some of the tackling... especially as far as Sin Yau-sang at left-half was concerned.

The opening goal, which came in the 19th minute, was the result of a penalty kick awarded against Han Yung-sang for a very late tackle on Loader when it seemed that the centre-forward was certain to score. Barnett scored at the second attempt after crashing his first effort against the crossbar and being very fortunate to find the referee ordered a kick for some infringement that was not apparent to the spectators in the stands.

SHOT IN THE ARM
This was just the shot in the arm that the Sing Tao boys required and in two minutes the scores were level again. It was a clever pass from Cheung Kam-hoi that started the move. The ball was slipped into the inside left position... right in the path of the onrushing Ho Cheung-yu... in a flash it was under control... and in another it was in the back of the net.

It was a delightful equaliser and should have served as a warning that the referee was not intended for even a few seconds... but the Airmen didn't heed the warning and in the end they paid a heavy price for their laxity.

Aitkenhead Shield Won By Kowloon

Kowloon bowlers beat the Mainlanders by 371 shots to win the Aitkenhead Shield.

Following the final heat, players and spectators gathered in the Club lounge for the presentation of prizes to the various winners of the various competitions held during the season.

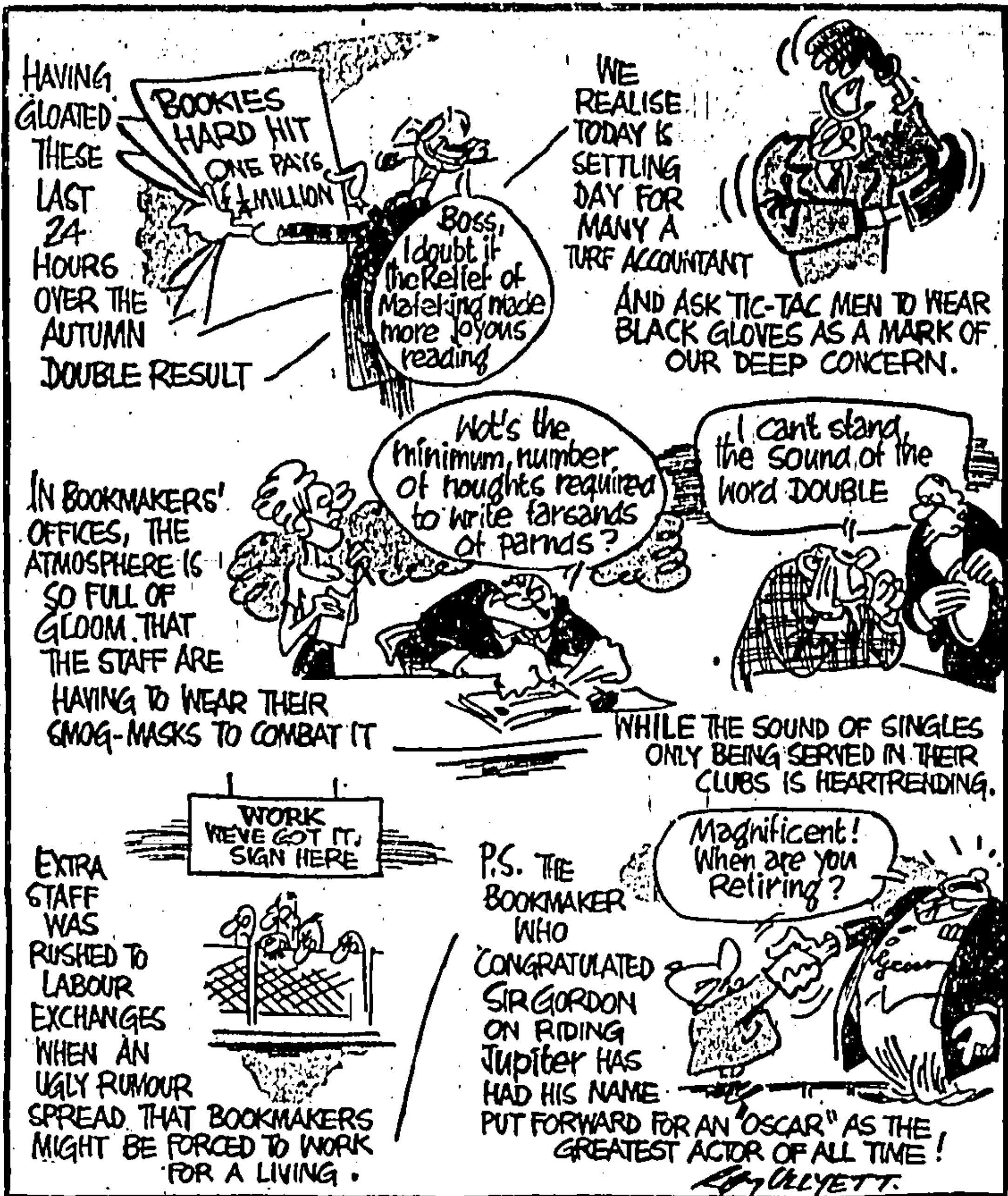
Mr. E. Noronha, President of the HKBCA, congratulated the Kowloon bowlers on their success in retaining the Shield which they won last year, and congratulated both Mr. E. Noronha, winner of the 1st prize, and the runner-up, Mr. G. C. Norman, for the stirring performance displayed by both players.

Congratulations to the winners of the various Open Championships as well as the League. Mr. Noronha concluded by thanking the HKBCA for their kindness in permitting the use of the greens and MacLennan, A. Campbell and J. Banks for their fine effort in collecting \$443 for St. Dunstan's Fund, and ended by introducing Mrs. Noronha who presented the prizes.

One innovation, which was extremely well received, was that winners were permitted to name the prize most suitable to their personal needs, and the trophies were distributed, which ranged from a solid gold ring to an electric waffle maker and included wrist watches, mantle clocks and a "Toaster".

PRIZE-WINNERS
The following are the prize winners:
Singles Championship and Bradbury Cup—Winners: M. B. Hassan; Runner-up: G. C. Norman.
Pairs—Winners: F. Lee, J. F. Landolt; Runners-up: J. Lee, J. F. Landolt.
Triples—Winners: J. Chubb, T. E. Baker, W. Hong Sing; Runners-up: A. F. Noronha, H. J. Noronha, J. E. Noronha.
Singles—Winners: G. C. Coleman, A. Campbell, B. Taylor, R. Gauray; Runners-up: A. Rahman, K. M. Rumsdell, M. B. Hassan, U. A. Rumsdell.
Guinness International Shield—Winners: Portugal; Runners-up: Persia.
League Champions
First Division: Club de Recreio

Second Division: Club de Recreio	
Third Division: Indian Recreation Club	
MATCH SCORES	
Scores in the Aitkenhead Shield match were:	
Kowloon	Club de Recreio
C. Pope	A. F. Noronha
A. O. Mader	J. E. Noronha
C. R. Rosset	J. E. Noronha
M. N. Takusen	J. E. Noronha
J. B. Browne	J. E. Noronha
W. C. Ogley	J. E. Noronha
K. M. Rumsdell	J. E. Noronha
M. N. Mui	J. E. Noronha
J. B. Baxter	J. E. Noronha
J. Kinniburgh	J. E. Noronha
N. N. Mui	J. E. Noronha
W. Melrose	J. E. Noronha
W. C. Ogley	J. E. Noronha
W. H. Goodman	J. E. Noronha
J. Hayward	J. E. Noronha
K. Mader	J. E. Noronha
D. Rosset	J. E. Noronha
J. Lee	J. E. Noronha
J. F. Landolt	J. E. Noronha
J. E. Noronha	J. E. Noronha
A. J. Mitchell	J. E. Noronha
A. M. Gaur	J. E. Noronha
R. J. Wyper	J. E. Noronha
M. H. Jones	J. E. Noronha
A. A. Rumsdell	J. E. Noronha
G. C. Coleman	J. E. Noronha
A. M. Rumsdell	J. E. Noronha
G. Gregory	J. E. Noronha
D. M. Miller	J. E. Noronha
C. K. Mader	J. E. Noronha
M. B. Hassan	J. E. Noronha
A. J. Mitchell	J. E. Noronha
V. Bonelli	J. E. Noronha
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W. H. Jones	J. E. Noronha
E. Poulton	J. E. Noronha
J. Kellner	J. E. Noronha
A. M. L. Scarce	J. E. Noronha
R. T. Taylor	J. E. Noronha
C. M. Ma	J. E. Noronha
A. F. Noronha	J. E. Noronha
A. Rumsdell	J. E. Noronha
S. Leonard	J. E. Noronha
P. Pilkington	J. E. Noronha
W. G. Gille	J. E. Noronha
K. Rumsdell	J. E. Noronha
M. X. Adal	J. E. Noronha



Today's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The second and last day of the Third Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club's 1953/54 season, will be held today at Happy Valley. There are ten interesting events on the programme. The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the tiffin interval after the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m. The Hongkong St. Leger for 1953 Ponies will be the main event of the afternoon and will be run over 1 1/4 Miles. A great turnout of racing fans will undoubtedly be watched by an enthusiastic crowd of racing fans.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE	
Stanley Day Handicap (1st. Sec.): One Mile.	
The programme opens with an event confined to Class 4 ponies. Allied Victory (Mr Tsai), Crown Again (Mr Ostrumoff) are the view of its third placing in the Conduit Handicap over the two-mile post at the 1st Race Meeting, stands a very good chance of annexing this race.	
American Carrot (Mr Plumby) is well suited for this distance and I think it will give Allied Victory a good race.	
Mustang (Mr Ostrumoff) has also shown that it is dependable for places and may pop up again for a place today, leaving Beat That (Mr Boycott) as the outsider.	
SECOND RACE	
Stone Hill Handicap (1st. Sec.): 1 1/4 Miles.	
Looking over the entries, the following should be prominent—Royal Command (Mr Chen Poo), Eudora (Mr Tsai), Crown Witness (Mr Ostrumoff) and V-J Day (Mr H. K. Hung).	
Royal Command should have no difficulty in winning this race if it does not misbehave during the race as it did at the last meeting, but should expect strong opposition from Eudora or Crown Witness, both of which are capable of extending it.	
V-J Day is also considered good enough to extend the two in view of its fine form at morning gallops recently.	
THIRD RACE	
Hemmet's Hill Handicap: From 1 1/4 Mile Post.	
Judging from its win in the Granville Handicap (Second Section) on the second day of the First Race Meeting, Fleming Wheel (Mr Chuang) should score again in this crowd.	
Comet (Mr Kwok), Ping On (Mr Ng), Kentucky Lady (Mr Ng) and Prestwood (Mr Ostrumoff).	
Skyline, in view of its second placing in the Kwangtung Handicap over the two-mile post at the 1st Race Meeting, should win here, but it will have to give of its best to beat Ping On, which is speedy over this distance.	
The distance also favours Kentucky Lady and I think it will be very near towards the end. The same applies to Prestwood.	
FOURTH RACE	
Notting Hill Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.	
Class 7 ponies will fight out the issue in this race and, judging from their training performances, I strongly fancy Bright Bay (Mr Chuang) to win as the distance is well suited to this pony.	
Main Challenge should come from The Hopeful (Mr Tsai), which is quite at home over this distance and should not be ignored as it is being quietly tipped.	
FIFTH RACE	
Black Hill Handicap: Six Furlongs.	
Mincola (Mr Kwok) and Same Again (Mr Ostrumoff) are the two ponies to contest the finish of this sprint race.	
Both animals are racing to go as is evident by the splendid times they returned in their early morning trials on October 28.	
Other dangerous opponents in this race are Precious Mine (Mr K. F. Ng) and Fel Chai (Mr F. Noody).	
SIXTH RACE	
Hongkong St. Leger: 1 1/4 Miles.	
This is the main event of the afternoon and is confined to Australian ponies of 1953. Weight 147 lb.	
In the Hongkong Derby over 1 1/2 Miles at the 13th Race Meeting, Babsie (Mr Samarc) had the better of Gold Crown by 1 1/2 lengths. I am inclined to believe that this afternoon the result will be reversed on account of the fine form the latter pony is now enjoying, evidence of which was shown in its impressive six furlongs gallop in 1.22.2 seconds, with a 26.2 last quarter, on Friday morning, November 6, without being fully stretched.	
At any rate, the finish should again be fought out between these two ponies, with Gold Crown having a slight advantage.	
Bonita (Mr Chuang) and Pleasoo (Mr Boycott) will fight out the third position.	
SEVENTH RACE	
Band Day Handicap: From the 1 1/2 Mile Post.	
This event will be fought out by Class 2 ponies. I expect the winner to come from among Skyline (Mr Boycott), Ping On (Mr Tsai), Kentucky Lady (Mr Ng) and Prestwood (Mr Ostrumoff).	
Skyline, in view of its second placing in the Kwangtung Handicap over the two-mile post at the 1st Race Meeting, should win here, but it will have to give of its best to beat Ping On, which is speedy over this distance.	
The distance also favours Kentucky Lady and I think it will be very near towards the end. The same applies to Prestwood.	
EIGHTH RACE	
Stone Hill Handicap (Second Sec.): 1 1/4 Miles.	
The Second Section of Class 8 ponies will contest this event and I strongly fancy Jorrocks (Mr Tsai) as the distance is well suited to this pony.	

CRICKET CLUB IN A STRONG POSITION

The Hongkong Cricket Club was left in a fairly strong position at the end of yesterday's play against the Combined Services at Chater Road, when HKCC's last wicket fell at a total of 280 runs.

HKCC got off to a bad start yesterday when their first three wickets fell for only 40 runs with Klibee, Rowe and Stanton being dismissed. R. W. Franklin and J. Borthwick then made a stand, with Franklin the more aggressive batsman.

During his stay at the wicket, Franklin ran up a top score total of 85 runs, which included eleven fours. When Franklin was caught by Gingle off Pierce, D. W. Leach, fifth wicket down, took his place at the wicket with Borthwick. Borthwick, who played a fine innings, scored 83 before being caught by Miller off Pierce just before Borthwick's total of 83 included eight fours, and the Cricket Club's score now stood at 141 for five wickets.

On the bowling side, Cpl Dowling, who bowled 28.6 overs during the three-hour play, was extremely effective, securing five wickets for 70 runs. Cpl Pierce captured three for 28 runs, while Lt Alexander got two wickets for 65.

THE SCOREBOARD
HKCC
L.D. Klibee, c. Alexander b. Dowling

MOREA BEATS DROBNY

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 8. Enrique Morea of Argentina won the South American Invitational Tennis Singles Championship here today, beating Jaroslav Drobný (Czech) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and 6-3 in the final. The women's title was won by Elena Lehman (Argentina), who defeated Luisa Morales (Chile) 6-3, 6-3.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB THIRD RACE MEETING

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club) Saturday, 7th November & Monday, 9th November, 1953.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race run at 2 p.m. On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 noon. The tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st day and at 10 a.m. on the 2nd day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$36.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th November, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, until 11 a.m. on the 1st Day and 10 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

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Martial Spirit In Germany

So the Germans don't want an Army! Well, 120,000 jam-packed Hitler's old Olympic Stadium to watch the latest thing in German para-military formations. And how they loved it!

Named the "Police Alert Group," it has been organized by American and British officials. It is meant to deal, sharply, with any attempted invasion of West Berlin by the Communists.

Officially, the display by the 3,000-strong force was called a parade. But General Coleman, British Commandant in Berlin, who was one of the spectators, must have been reminded of a military tattoo.

The men put on a display of marching and arms drill which would not discredit Britain's Brigade of Guards. The crowd's admiration for this precision drill by a brigade of German troops was plain to see. They clapped in time to the marches played by military bands.

One hundred war dogs trotted through the arena to the sound of make-believe gunfire and exploding grenades. To offset the military atmosphere, 100 police did physical exercises. But outside the Stadium men dressed in the uniform of the Kaiser's army, with curling moustaches and spiked helmets, marched up and down.

It was an all-day show. And never a dull moment.

DUKE GOING DOWN A COAL MINE

The Duke of Edinburgh will see something new in British mining when he visits Yorkshire Main Colliery at Eddington, near Doncaster, on November 10.

When he steps out of the cage at the bottom of the 900-yard-deep Barnsley seam and makes his way into the workings he will pass trains of mine cars hauled by some of the biggest Diesel locomotives working underground in Britain.

This recently completed system, which replaces endless rope tub haulage, is the colliery's chief claim to distinction.

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Sunk in 1910 and 1911, Yorkshire Main ranks as one of the new pits. An hour of the Duke's two-hour visit to the pit will be spent underground. On the surface he will be able to see, in addition to the more usual amenities of pithead baths and canteen, the pit's own open-air swimming pool.

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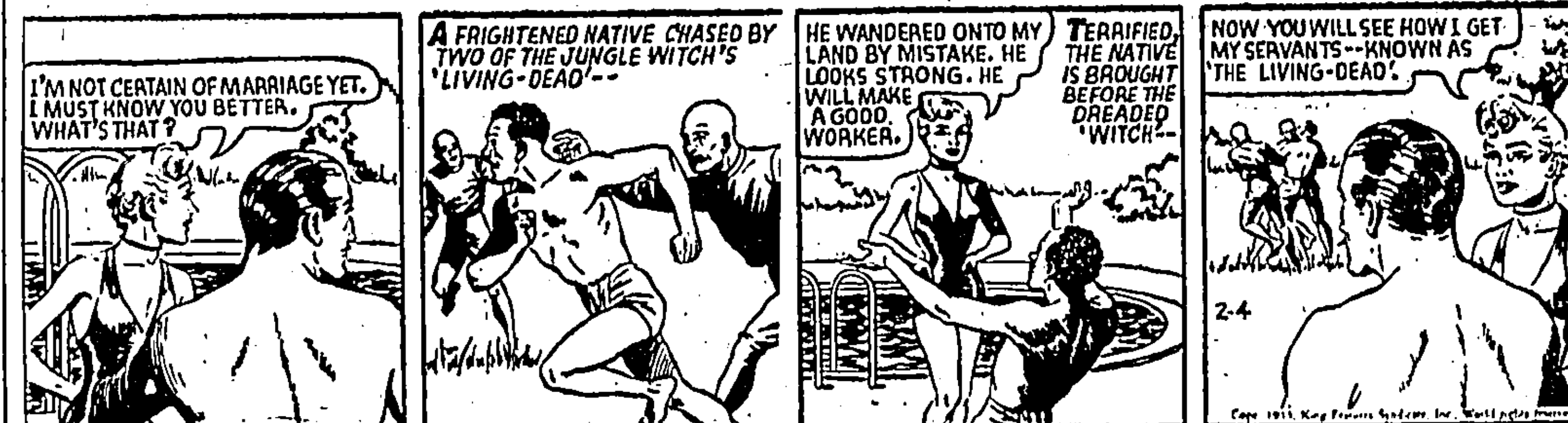
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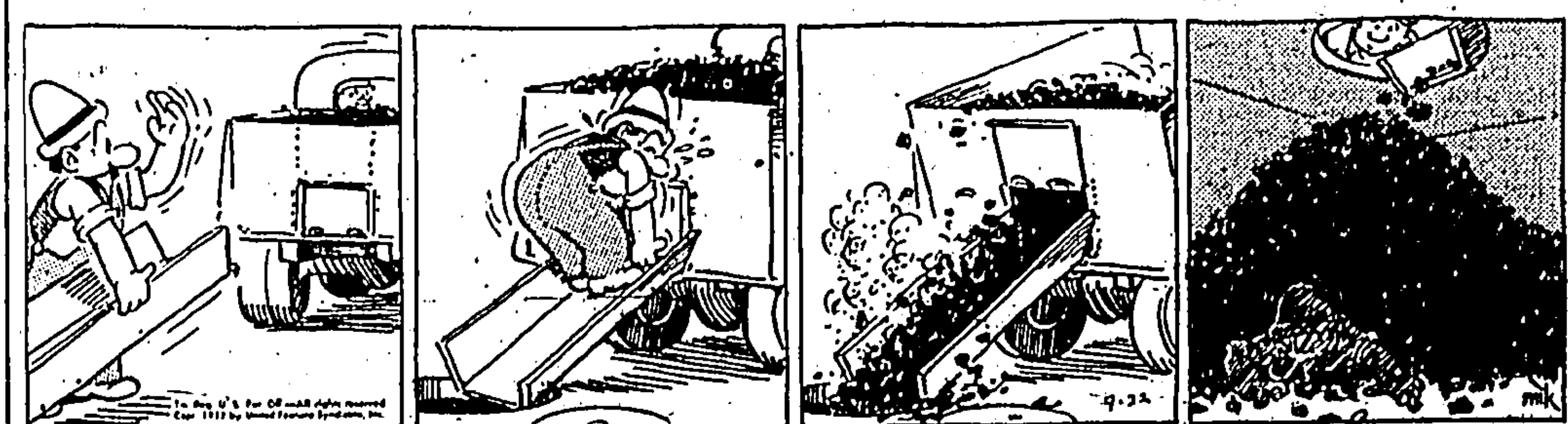
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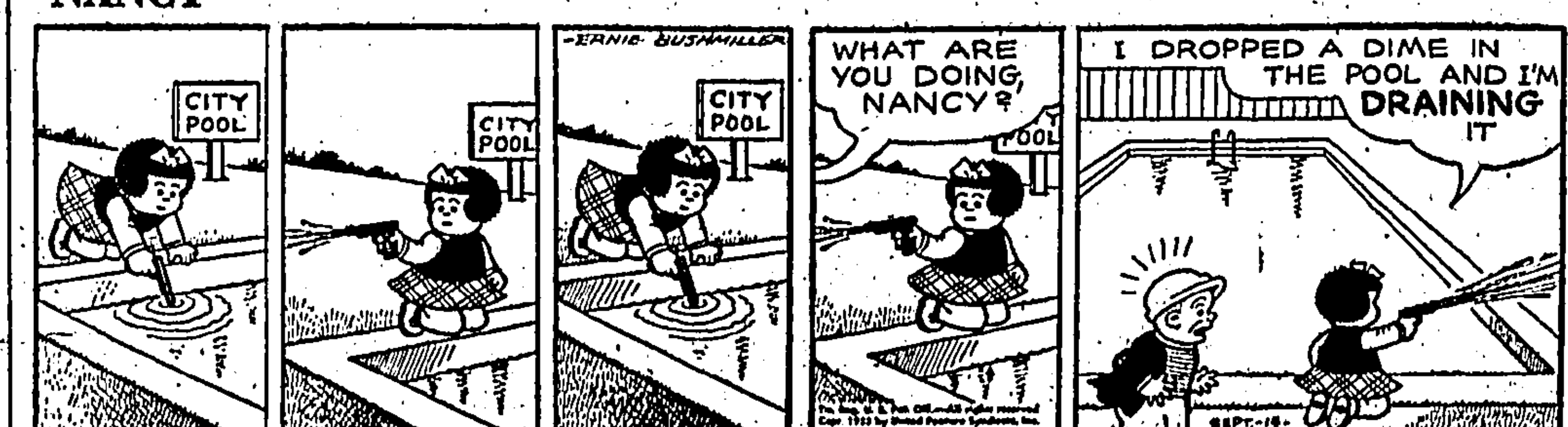
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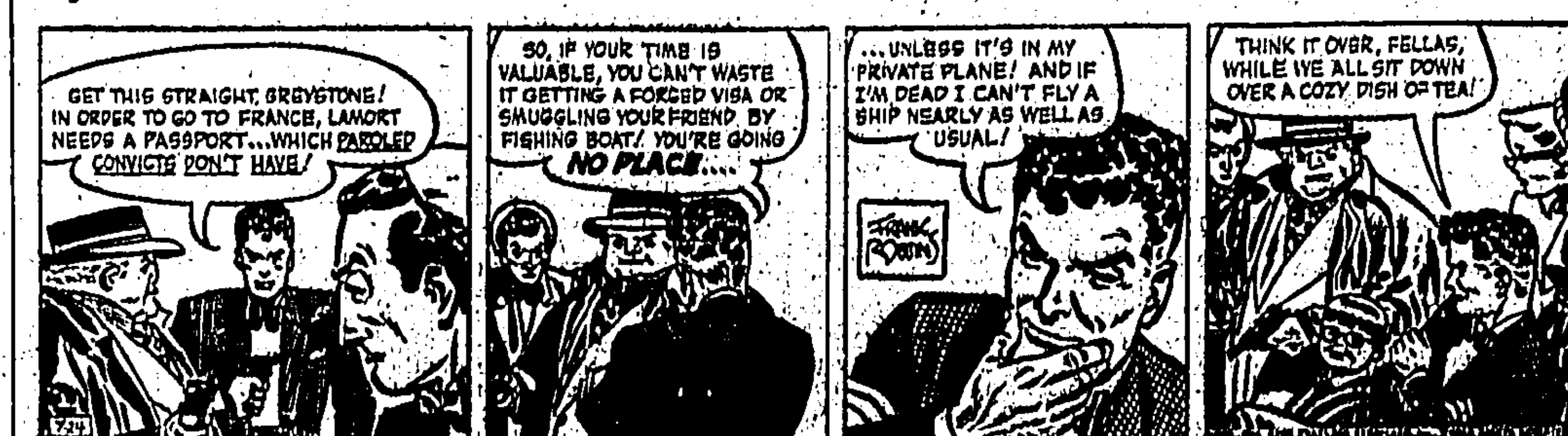
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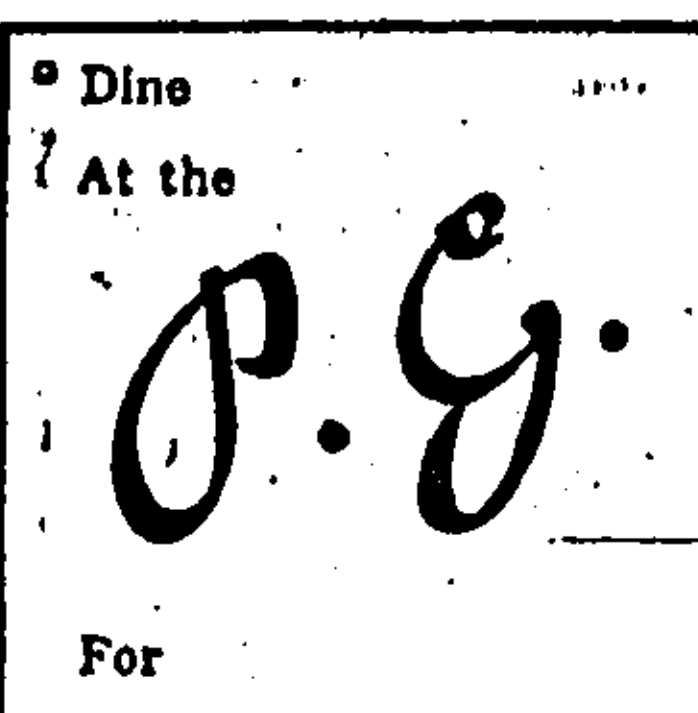
Tommy Davies, of Walsall, left the Army two years ago, but spends his time polishing about five hundred Army great-coat buttons every day.

No elbow grease is required, however, for the works of the Midland plating firm which produces buttons with a permanent polish, and all he has to do is to dip a specially-made jig of buttons into a steaming solution. Although the work is still at an experimental stage, the firm has been turning out an average of 50,000 highly-polished buttons weekly for the past year.

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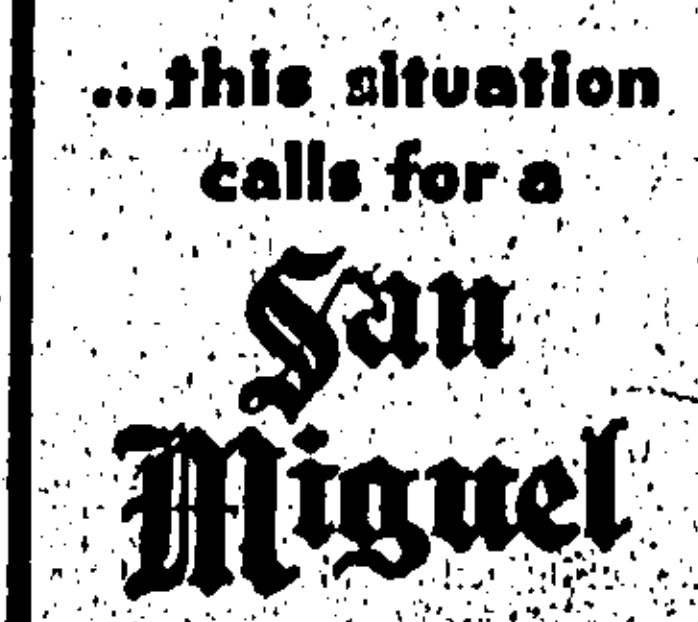
The firm also makes multi-coloured electro-polished jewellery, as well as reflectors for electric fires and shield runways which have a higher degree of reflectivity than even a silver mirror possesses.



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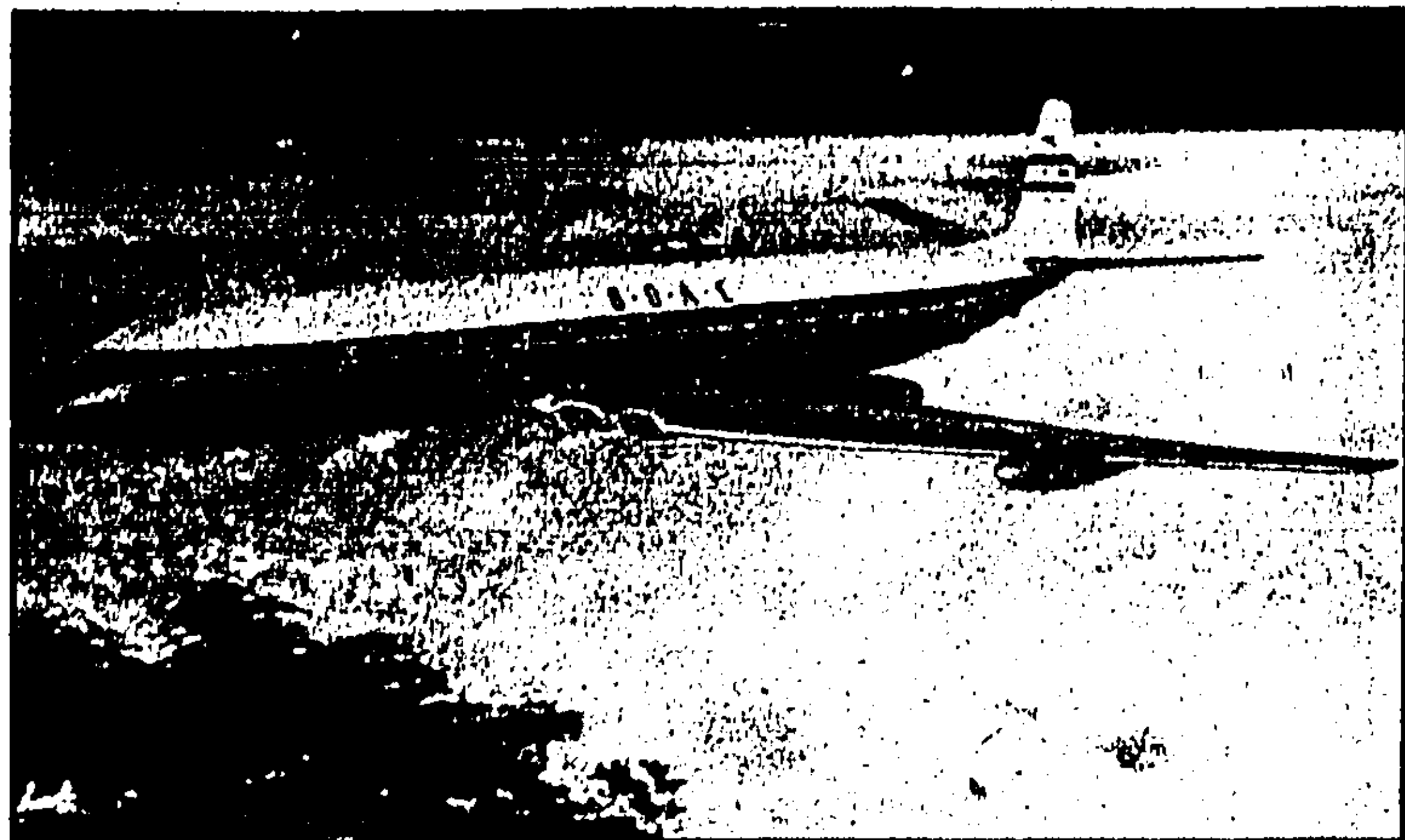


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The Comet 3, newest of the De Havilland Comet jet airliner series, shown in a test flight over England. Much larger than the Comets at present in service, the Comet 3 has already been ordered by BOAC, Pan American Airways (which will pay in dollars), British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, Air India and Panair do Brasil.

Britons Eat The Most Sweets

Average consumption of sweets in Great Britain has risen to seven and a half ounces per head per week since the devaluation of confectionery in February last. It is estimated that the British are spending between £200 millions and £210,000,000 a year on their sweets—an increase of £60 millions on last year.

The British can now claim the honour of having the sweetest tooth in the world. The New Zealanders come next with 5.9 ounces per week, the Australians and the Americans 5 oz. each, the Danes 4.3 oz., Canadians 4.2 oz., Belgians and Swiss 3.7 oz. each, and the Dutch and the Swedes 3.5 oz. France comes at the bottom of the list for the Western world with only 2 ounces per head per week.

Ships Could Follow R.A.F. Example

The suggestion that inflatable rafts of the air-sea rescue type would save more lives than the conventional lifeboat if a ship foundered was made known by Sir William Wallace when he spoke to the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Glasgow.

"It has been proved repeatedly that despite the fact that ships are equipped with lifeboats for all, after serious collisions heavy listing may take place and frequently the lifeboats on one side of the ship cannot be launched," he pointed out. "This condition could hardly arise with a ship equipped with inflatable rafts."

"There is nothing whatever to worry our designers in the provision of equipment which would enable these rafts to be inflated on board and lowered into the sea with all personnel on board and with the usual emergency equipment installed. Ships today are in constant communication with the shore and with other ships, hence following a collision or similar disaster, her position is known and with all the personnel safely afloat in rafts, in conditions under which the weakest should survive, help should soon arrive."

"The modern raft can be quickly launched and float safely without any skilled people on board, a practically unobtainable support which can ride through all weather conditions."

Sir William demonstrated a 10-seater covered raft, which was inflated in 30 seconds by pulling a cord. The seats inside inflated in another 60 seconds.

Sir William, who was at sea as an engineer when a young man, is the inventor of the Denny-Brown stabiliser which reduces a vessel's rolling at sea.

"Wooden Wall" To Be Hotel?

The "English and Welsh Grounds" lightship, one of the last of the old wooden walls which has carried out service in the Bristol Channel between Cardiff and Newport since 1885, has at last been retired.

This veteran of hundreds of storms now lies in King's Dock, Swansea, awaiting dismantling before disposal. Away from the creaking waves of winter storms her massive oak hull should last for many years yet, and she is expected to start a new career as a floating hotel.

Queen Will Make Six Flights In New Zealand

Wellington, Nov. 8.

The interior of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Dakota aircraft, which the Queen will use on all but one of her flights in New Zealand, will closely resemble that of the Viking aircraft which she uses for air journeys in Britain.

The task of transforming the interior is now nearing completion and the aircraft is expected to be ready for test flights in November.

Behind the pilot's cabin and two to the rear, in a light blue, are two small wardrobes. Each lounge will have four chairs, two facing forward and two to the rear, in a light blue, are two small wardrobes. Each lounge will have four chairs, two facing forward and two to the rear, in a light blue, are two small wardrobes. Each lounge will have four chairs, two facing forward and two to the rear, in a light blue, are two small wardrobes.

Overhead, the fuselage will be lined in pale grey, the chairs and lower fuselage will be upholstered in a dark blue and the walls to the rear will be deep blue. These colours are similar to those used in aircraft of the Royal Air Force.

Partitions, panelling, cabinets and tables will be made of polished New Zealand timber, different woods being identified by small labels.

EXTREME CARE

Streamlined and upholstered in rubber, chairs in the aircraft will have adjustable backs and adjustable head-rests.

No provision has been made for preparing meals in flight because the air journeys will be short. But there will be previously prepared "snacks" carried in an insulated tank and these will be space for hampers and an ice box.

Wherever possible, non-inflammable material is being used. Other furnishings will be fire-proofed. Smoking will be allowed.

Extreme care has been taken in preparing the aircraft. Two new engines have been installed, and the aircraft is fitted with every type of radio equipment and navigational aid of use in New Zealand.

No. 42 (Communications) Squadron, based at Ohakea, has been entrusted with transporting the Queen. Formed during World War II, the squadron's main responsibility at present is the transport of the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and six other persons, other aircraft will also be needed.

SIX FLIGHTS

With recommendations available in the Queen's aircraft for the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and six other persons, other aircraft will also be needed.

Another Air Force Dakota with seats for 10 persons, will be kept in reserve for larger parties.

Apart from this and Devon aircraft of No. 42 Squadron, support for the Royal Air Force will be provided by the Air Force's No. 1 (Transport) Squadron, based at Whenuapai. This squadron's Bristol Freight aircraft will carry the luggage of the Royal and official parties, servicing staff and auxiliary equipment.

Six flights are included in the Royal itinerary for New Zealand.

On December 28, the Queen will fly from Whenuapai to Auckland, and on January 6, from Auckland to Gisborne and later to Napier.

After her visit to New Plymouth, Her Majesty will travel by air to Paraparaumu

Scientists To Help Turkey Farmers

A Ministry of Agriculture turkey demonstration centre is to be set up in Norfolk, Britain's premier turkey county.

Ministry experts, will investigate new methods to improve the technique of turkey farming in Britain.

This is the first time such experiments in Britain have received official backing. The U.S.A. conditional aid programme will help finance the new project.

Mr Frank Rayns, director of the Norfolk Agricultural Station at Sprowston, Norwich, where the new centre is to be established, said: "The work will cover a wide range—breeding, housing, feeding and disease."

"Methods for improving turkey products, such as feathers, will also be investigated. We hope to begin in the spring."

In the past few years several Norfolk turkey farmers have been carrying out private experiments, notably with artificial insemination and the rearing of 100 birds for the week-end table.

It is the ambition of the Norfolk turkey industry to provide smaller birds at prices which can compete with the traditional Sunday joint.

Film Exhibitors Agree To Cut Crime Details

Colombo, Nov. 8.

Ceylon film exhibitors have agreed to co-operate with the Public Performance Board by not showing details of gang robberies or hold-ups.

The board, Government body which has the right to censor films, agreed not to ban crime films but to leave it to the good sense of the exhibitors to ensure that a high level is maintained.

All films reaching Ceylon have already passed through two censor groups before they reach Ceylon—in the United States or Britain, and in India.

—China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

ASIAN MARITIME CONFERENCE

More Cooperation Is Urged On Matters Of Common Interest

Four Resolutions Adopted By Regional Meeting

There has been issued by the International Shipping Federation, Ltd., a report on the Asian Regional Maritime Conference of the International Labour Office, which was held in Nuwara Eliya from October 5-14. The agenda comprised the director-general's report; welfare of Asian seafarers in port; and the recruitment and engagement of Asian seafarers.

Net result of the conference, it is stated in the report, was that four resolutions were adopted unanimously on the following subjects:—

Review of maritime legislation by Asian countries: formation of representative shipowners' and seafarers' organisations; welfare of Asian seafarers in port; and the recruitment and engagement of Asian seafarers. A fifth resolution on the last subject was adopted by a majority vote.

The conference consisted of delegations from Ceylon, France, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Singapore, United Kingdom and Vietnam. All the delegations were tripartite, the except Ceylon, which sent Government and seafarers' delegates but no shipowner, and Vietnam, which sent a Government delegate only.

Mr S. A. Salam (Government delegate for Pakistan) was appointed president of the conference. The vice-presidents were: Government group, Mr Samjono (Indonesia); shipowners group, Mr N. Dandekar (India); and seafarers' group, Mr H. Kageyama (Japan).

FOUR RESOLUTIONS

The four resolutions adopted unanimously were:—

I. Formation of Representative Shipowners' and Seafarers' Organisations.—"Whereas the promotion of collective bargaining in the maritime industry and consultation between shipowners, seafarers and the administrative authorities would be impeded by the absence or ineffectiveness of responsible associations of shipowners and seafarers; and whereas such forms of consultation are universally recognised as conducive to industrial harmony and the protection of respective rights and interests;

"The Asian Maritime Conference requests the governing body of the International Labour Office:—

"1. To draw the attention of all maritime States members in Asia to the desirability of fostering and recognising the formation of representative associations on both sides of the maritime industry;

"2. To urge governments: (a) to consult regularly with such state and representative organisations on all matters concerning the drafting and application of laws and regulations concerning maritime labour; and (b) to associate such organisations as far as possible with any government maritime institutions dealing with matters in which shipowners and seafarers have a common interest."

RECRUITMENT

IV. Recruitment and Engagement of Asian Seafarers.—"The Asian Maritime Conference of the International Labour Organisation, having considered the report of the office on the recruitment and engagement of Asian seafarers, which was the second item on its agenda,

"1. Notes that malpractices are prevalent in the recruitment of seafarers in a number of Asian countries, and resolves that steps should be taken without delay to abolish such malpractices;

"2. Recommends, therefore, that

"(a) the governing body should invite the Governments concerned at once to enter into consultation with the representatives of the shipowners and seafarers in order to review the present system of recruitment and where the existing arrangements are found to be unsatisfactory, to determine in consultation with them, in the light of the circumstances obtaining in the country concerned, what machinery should be established to eliminate the defects of the present system, and to set that machinery up straight away;

"(b) in setting up this new machinery the discussions which have taken place of the present conference should be taken into account;

"(c) the machinery to be set up should ensure that no charge (other than the official fee) be levied directly or indirectly on seafarers in respect of their obtaining employment;

"3. Recognises that the machinery to be set up will vary from country to country, more particularly in accordance with the current state of organisation of shipowners and seafarers, and draws attention to this connection to its resolution regarding the need to promote the development of representative organisations of shipowners and seafarers."

REVIEW LAWS

II. Review of Maritime Legislation by Asian Countries.—"While noting that few maritime conventions have been ratified by Asian countries, the Asian Maritime Conference, nevertheless believes that the I.L.O. maritime conventions and recommendations constitute in general a useful guide for the Asian countries in promoting the social progress of Asian seafarers."

It therefore urges the Governments of States members in the Asian region, in consultation with the bona fide organisations of shipowners and seafarers:

"(a) to keep under periodical review the progress of their maritime law and practice, keeping in mind in particular how far the I.L.O. maritime conventions and recommendations are applicable and appropriate to their national circumstances;

"(b) to give careful consideration to appropriate resolutions adopted by the Asian Maritime Conference and designed to serve as an effective basis for progressive social development in the interests of Asian seafarers."

"2. The conference requests the governing body to arrange for the sympathetic consideration of any applications from Asian maritime countries for technical assistance in formulating schemes or provisions designed to give appropriate effect to the I.L.O. maritime conventions and recommendations."

III. Welfare of Asian Seafarers in Asia Ports.—"The Asian Maritime Conference, being convinced of the pressing need in many Asian ports for better and expanded welfare facilities for Asian seafarers:

"Requests the governing body to draw the urgent attention of the Maritime Welfare in Ports Recommendation of 1936; and

"2. Recognising that in 1936 recommendation may not sufficiently pin-point the subjects which are of special and pressing importance, to some Asian countries, urges that Asian Governments, including Governments of non-metropolitan territories in Asia, in consultation with shipowners and seafarers, should give special attention to the following subjects:

"(a) The organisation of welfare boards (national, regional, and/or port) to deal with the question of raising the necessary finances; it is essential that shipowners and seafarers be adequately represented on these boards;

"(b) The preparation and keeping up to date of a comprehensive review of the amenities available;

"(c) The establishment, expansion, and supervision of lodging facilities;

"(d) The provision of medical facilities, especially for unemployed seafarers;

"(e) The provision of recreational facilities."

MAJORITY VOTE

A second resolution on the subject of recruitment and engagement was adopted by a majority vote. The United Kingdom seafarers' delegate voted for it; the United Kingdom shipowners' delegate voted against it; the United Kingdom Government delegate abstained from voting. This resolution reads as follows:—

"The conference suggests that in the setting up of machinery referred to in the resolution on the recruitment of Asian seafarers, Governments which find, after consultation with representatives of shipowners and seafarers, that their systems require improvement may be guided by the following principles:

"1. This machinery should cover two sets of functions: (a) the registration of seafarers and

the regulation of entry into the industry; and (b) the recruitment and engagement of seafarers.

"2. The registration of seafarers and the regulation of entry into the industry in the light of its needs and its capacity to provide reasonable stability of employment should normally be the responsibility of (a) either a joint body representing bona fide national organisations of shipowners and seafarers, or (b) a tripartite body consisting of representatives of the Government and of bona fide national organisations of shipowners and seafarers; or (c) employment officer organised by the Government, with which should be associated in a consultative capacity the representatives of shipowners and seafarers.

"Freight War" To End

Rotterdam, Nov. 8.

A 12-month shipping "freight war" with tumbling rates and unbridled competition will end on January 1 next with the restoration of a new and bigger North Atlantic west-bound Freight Conference, shipping circles said today.

Eight lines have signed a new agreement—Compagnie Maritime Belge, Norwagien, Black Diamond, Holland-America, Hamburg-America, North German Lloyd, South Atlantic, United States Lines and Waterman Line.

The Norwegian Cosmopolitan Line, a member of the old Conference, which broke up on January 1 last, owing to outside competition, has not yet signed the new agreement.

The agreement has been submitted for approval to the Federal Maritime Board, shipping sources said.

As soon as approval is obtained, the companies concerned will go ahead with plans to restore the Conference officially from January 1 and stabilize freight rates on the important trade route from Belgium, Holland and West Germany to the East American seaboard ports, extending from Portland, Maine, to Norfolk, Virginia.

Key to the formation of the new Conference is membership of the two German lines—North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-America. It is understood that it was competition from these lines which were outside the post-war conference, that chiefly caused the Conference's breakdown 10 months ago.

STILL OUTSIDERS

Their inclusion in the new agreement means larger and more broadly-based Conference. But there are still some important "outsiders."

Rotterdam forwarding agents commented today that there are too many shipping companies and therefore too much shipping capacity for the volume of cargo.

While that is true, the freight rates would rise over the present abnormally low levels they felt they would certainly not reach last year's Conference level. Before "the war," a spokesman said, there were virtually only two Conference lines and one outsider running between Rotterdam and the United States. They were the Holland-America Black Diamond and Isbrandtsen Lines, respectively.

Now there were nine or 10 Conference lines and about four outsiders.

Even with restored Conference, shippers were sure that they would be able to get lower quotations if they could offer an improved cargo, a shipper said.

—China Mail Special.

REPORT ON S. AFRICAN CONDITIONS

Capetown, Nov. 8.

The Standard Bank of South Africa, in its October report on trading conditions in the Union, states that the wholesale market for cheaper piecegoods is still difficult; demand for several other types of textiles is strengthening but deliveries from manufacturers are slow. Clothing factories are busy, mainly with seasonal orders which should keep them well occupied until the year-end.

Long wools predominate in current Union auction catalogues as is usual at the beginning of the season and the condition of most offerings is satisfactory, with only a small proportion of the clip drought-affected. Auctions are well supplied and offerings are selling readily as demand is firm and competition among buyers is active and general; outright clearances consequently absorb practically all lots included in current catalogues.

The steadiness of prices has been a feature of the Union wool market since the opening of the auctions and fluctuations so far are comparatively narrow. Current values indicated by average quotations for a re-processed range of spinners on a 50 per cent clean yield basis at Port Elizabeth on October 10 are, namely 60 pence to 73 pence compared with 68 to 73½ pence at the end of September and 70 to 78 pence on the opening sale. Offerings outstandingly good in quality are fetching prices of 85 to 105 pence.—China Mail Special.

Import Tax To Be "Reviewed"

Guatemala, Nov. 8.

The Minister of Economy, Señor Romero Fanjul, told a six-man Japanese trade mission that Guatemala wished to increase her trade with Japan and that the present 100 per cent import tax on Japanese products would be "reviewed."

Mr Heiji Kato, of Osaka, who heads the mission, stated the mission wished to purchase rice and vegetable fibres from Guatemala. In return, Japan could supply machinery and textiles at low prices.—Reuter.

Taipei Exchange Allotment

Taipei, Nov. 8.

The sum of US\$12 million has been earmarked by the Taiwan Foreign Exchange Trade Control Commission for private imports into Taiwan for the two months of November and December, 1953.

In the total is included \$1,750,000 earmarked for private industrial equipment.—France-Press.

Bright Prospects In West Indies

Kingston, Nov. 8.

Industrial production in Jamaica, as well as in Trinidad, Barbados and British Guiana, is expected to be nearly doubled in the next ten years, given stable political conditions and a suitable climate for investment.

A team of British industrialists, invited by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governments of the four territories to look into the possibility of further industrial development, which such development might take, and to indicate what industry or type of industry appears suitable for establishment in the light of local conditions, has just issued a report giving its conclusions.

The mission stated that the doubling of industrial production, which it envisages will demand large investments from overseas, and describes the factories which are likely to attract investors.

After examining in detail the ways in which the Governments of the four territories could encourage industrial development, it recommends the creation of Industrial Development Corporations to assist financially in the establishment and expansion of industry.

Instead of the present system of tax concessions to encourage specific enterprises, it suggests substantially increased depreciation allowance on all new plant installed.

It also stresses the need for special help and advice on industrial development in the West Indies to avoid duplication of undertakings for which there is scope for only one in the whole area.

The report contains a substantial number of suggestions and recommendations regarding specific industries where there are prospects of development either by way of expansion of existing factories or the establishment of new ones. These include agricultural processing, building materials, furniture, textiles, footwear, engineering, chemicals and printing.—China Mail Special.

Industry's Recovery Marred

London, Nov. 8.

The British rayon industry's recovery is marred by an unsatisfactory export trade, Sir William Palmer, Chairman of the British Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Federation, said at the Federation's annual meeting.

"Our overseas trade has not recovered so rapidly as the home trade," he said.

"For the first nine months of the year, exports are, by value, not much better than in 1952 and nearly one-third less than in the very favourable year of 1951."

Exceptions in the decline of exports were filament yarn and spun fabrics. Shipments by quantity of these were "at heights we may regard as gratifying."

Pointing to the growing competition from other manufacturing countries, Sir William Palmer added: "It is clear that to retain our position we must exert all our efforts to sell abroad and to sell at the lowest possible price."—China Mail Special.

INDUSTRY WITH A SONG

Miss Mansfield's Job Is To Listen To Music—All Day Long

By HUGH CLELAND

YOU could call it the industry with a song in its heart, the vast complex organisation covered by the initials E.M.I. (standing for Electric and Musical Industries, Ltd.).

It does unmentionable top-secret research for Ministries, and has teams of men working on the Woomera rocket range; but it also brings to the bed-sitting room of the bachelor girl the voice of her current song-hero or her favourite band—gramophone records labelled HMV, Columbia, Parlophone and others, around 20 million a year of them. It built four out of the BBC's five high-power TV transmitters and still found time to pioneer electric ironing.

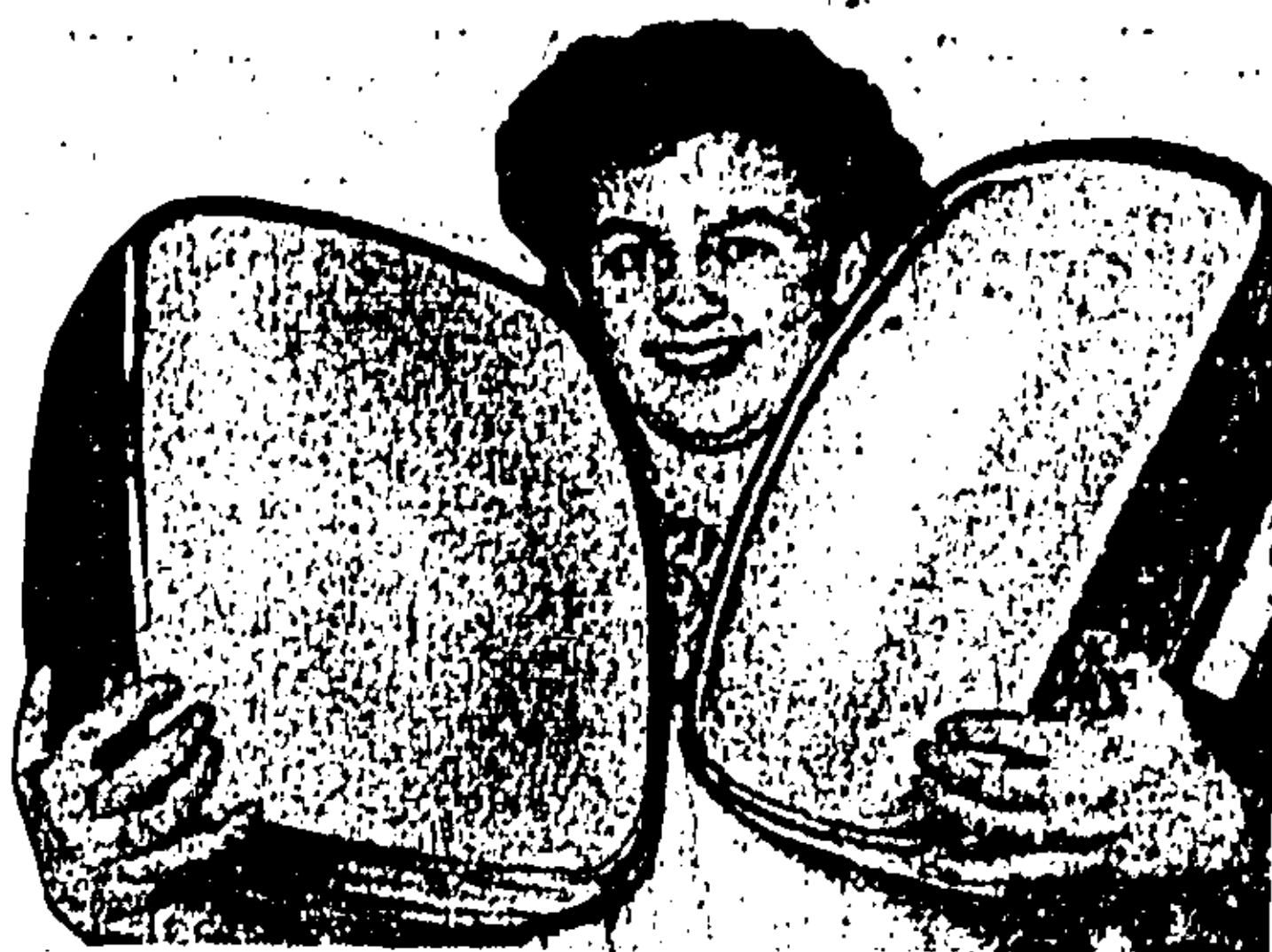
EMI employs 15,000 people in this country, has a score of subsidiary companies in countries ranging from Belgium to Brazil, Greece to India, and started 50 years ago, when a man named Charles Barry Owen arrived in London to market a gramophone which had been invented by a fellow-American, Emil Berliner, some years before.

Barry Owen found marketing tough. He took his despair to a far-sighted solicitor, Trevor Lloyd Williams who rounded up a handful of friends to back the new invention. A company was formed, which from offices in Maiden Lane, W.C.2, began marketing through Europe gramophones made in America and records produced in Hanover.

A year or two later the company, which immediately flourished, acquired the trademark of the terrier-dog listening to "His Master's Voice." The dog, named Nipper, belonged to artist Francis Barraud's brother, and had indeed been caught listening to his master's voice.

Sightseeing

I spent a day sightseeing and talking to people on the 100-acre group of factories, laboratories, workshops and offices at Hayes (Middlesex) plays over 100-120 records a



Margaret O'Mahoney, from County Cork, carries two 17in. cathode ray tubes, destined for big TV sets.

day—samples taken at the ratio of one from every 100 records pressed.

Jack Mason, a record pressman who was busy with a record of the Love Scene from Private Lives, turning out 80-90 records an hour, has a gramophone at home, but no TV. He does not have electricity. So when he appeared on TV himself, and beat the panel in What's My Line, his family had to go elsewhere to look in.

You pick up a fascinating lot of incidental intelligence going round a vast and varied organisation like this. Thus, from Mr. Andrew Forbes, manager of the international department, the fact that in places like West Africa and India extra loud needles are best-sellers—because people like to make their purchases heard, and a gramophone, like a radio set, is judged largely on its volume.

Professor Harry F. Treisman, principal and managing director of EMI Institutes Ltd., told me that while theoretically there is no reason in the world why women should not go in seriously for the study and practice of electronics, in fact they do not.

At the Institute's headquarters in Notting Hill, are 200-odd students from countries all over the world, taking courses lasting from three weeks to four years. There is not one woman among them.

"Yet I should have thought it would have been an excellent career for a woman," the Professor said.

About 3,000 of the 15,000 people EMI employ in Great Britain are highly skilled and trained technicians. "Of my 3,000," said Mr. Clifford Metcalfe, managing director of EMI Engineering Development, Ltd., "over 400 are first-class graduate engineers." None is a woman, though there are two women in the neighbouring research laboratories, among the white-coated anonymous back-room boys who work on projects ranging from TV camera tubes to nuclear physical particle counters.

In colour

It seems a long step from nuclear physics to entertainment, but it was in that same department that they showed me colour-television. Since seeing it I can hardly face the other variety.

They showed me pictures of a pretty girl, whose eyes on the screen appeared delightfully grey-blue.

A moment or two later I met the girl, who was still being televised. Her name was Deirdre Day, she is 20 years old, lives in Southall, and has eyes of just the shade the screen had regarded.

Strictly speaking, Miss Day is a technical librarian. She has been used to demonstrate colour TV for four years now, reckons she got the job because she appeared at work one day in a colour-photogenic striped jumper.

When I saw her, she was wearing a pretty frock the firm provided to show what colour TV could do with soft and varied colours.



Harry Neal, of Norwood Green, Southall, a scientific-glass blower, works on a TV camera tube. The job takes about an hour and a half—to produce the main structure of the TV camera's electric eye.

I ended my tour with Mr. B. E. G. Mittel, managing director of EMI Studios Ltd., in charge of all the firm's records and recording affairs.

He spoke of the integrity of disc-jockeys, the steadily widening public taste for classical music, the way in which the company gradually persuaded people into appreciating little-known works by great composers by having them performed by the greatest artists available so that people got up and took notice.

Mr. Mittel is a Bach lover, and his home is so full of gramophone records that from time to time he has to ask someone to call and take a load away.

But the latest song of dance hit is as much of his business as Bach or Beethoven. He is an expert of them, though he cheerfully admits he heard the



In EMI's research department, a colour-TV camera is focused on 20-year-old Deirdre Day, of Southall. On a TV screen in the building Deirdre's natural colouring (she uses no special make-up) comes out perfectly, but it will be some time, say the experts, before colour TV is available for homes in this country.

Harry Lime Theme "cold" without having seen the film and, remembering other zither records that had never caught on, turned it down, until otherwise advised by his staff.

I asked him what the next tunes were likely to be that would be favourites. His answer: I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus, Swan Song and When I Was Young.

Up and up

What are the general trends? I asked Mr. Ernest John Emery, managing director of EMI Sales and Service, that just before I left. TV is still on the up-and-up grade that started with the Coronation, he said. People tend to buy smaller radio sets. Rising sales of radiograms reflect the growth in musical appreciation.

"This is an industry," Mr. Emery said, "that never stops still, and we're still only on the fringe of the possibilities there are."

I said this was an industry with a song in its heart. I suggest those words might be transcribed to become the industry's theme song.



Chairman Sir Alexander Alkman (right) and managing director L. J. Brown discuss the latest phase of EMI's plans for selling records for dollars on the U.S. market.



Music, music, music. Yvonne Mansfield, 17, of Hayes, spends most of her working day listening to gramophone records, alert for faults. Alternately, as here, she attends to appliances that weigh-test "master" records for their durability. (London Express Service)



Seventeen-year-old Margaret Hutton, of Hayes End, examines a museum-piece, a hand-operated gramophone, alongside one of the latest all-electric radiograms. Less than 60 years separate the two models.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

SILVERY MOON, W.I.

IT was 10.30 in the evening. At the Meeting Ground, in Hyde Park, the last of the speakers had folded up his platform, pocketed what the Army would describe as the unexpended portion of his plattitudes, and left. Now, against the hum of traffic, music softly rose and fell, instead of invective.

A score of people, men and women, were singing. There were bass voices and sopranos, semi-skilled voices attempting close harmony, and rough untutored ones glad to be within an octave and a half of the night note.

"By the light of the silvery moon," they sang, "by the light of the silvery moon..." The more romantic among the singers half-closed their eyes, clasped hands, and tried to imagine themselves elsewhere, on the deck of a dreamship, say, or

a desert island. Robust ones remembered singing the song on route-marches. Suddenly there was a flash and the crash of an explosion. Another. Then a third. The singing stopped, and the youths who had thrown the fireworks, hoisted and roared, pleased with their success.

A policeman hurried towards the noise. He saw an arm go up and a moment later there was another explosion. He drew his own conclusions and arrested the arm's owner, a dark, tall 27-year-old named Kenneth.

"I'm arresting you for letting off fireworks in a public place," he explained.

"But I was singing. I was singing fireworks," Kenneth said. Next morning at Great Marlborough Street he pleaded not guilty to the charge—before Mr. Paul Bennett, VC. The policeman told the magistrate what he had seen and heard, and Kenneth was invited to ask him questions.

"Sir, I mean constable," Kenneth said, "Didn't you see me put my hands to my ears? I hate fireworks. I think they're silly, childish things. I've never touched them in my life."

"I saw your hand go up, then the firework went off," said the officer.

"But to my ears," Kenneth said, "Noise affects them, so I put up my hands to them."

He was invited into the witness-box. "What is your employment?" the learned clerk asked him.

"I'm in private service," he said, "the same place 12 years."

"There was a group of youths," he went on, "who periodically interfere with this happy singing meeting. They threw the fireworks, and I heard the prisoner say 'nasty toys.' I happen to know the prisoner abhors rough play. He's a very refined young man."

"What do you say the youths who threw the fireworks looked like?" the magistrate asked.

"Small in stature and rather dishevelled," said Kenneth's witness.

"Well," said the magistrate, "I don't quite see how the officer is wrong but in view of what this witness has said, I shall dismiss the charge."

At those words, a thing happened that is unusual at Marlborough Street. From the public gallery came a sharp, short burst of clapping and cheering. And Kenneth, in the dock, jumped, startled, and his hands went instinctively towards his ears—two silent witnesses he had not thought of calling.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Pop, wake up and hear the tune I learned to play already on that bagpipe you brought me yesterday from the convention!"

RADIO HONGKONG

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 12.30, Double Attraction. Tony Pastor and his Orch. Doris Day (vocal); 1. Time Signal. Peter York and his Concert Orch.; 1.30, News, Weather Report and announcements; 1.30, Music for you; 2, Variety Roundup (BBC); 2.30, "The Gondoliers" (Gilbert and Sullivan)—Light Opera Company, cond. by Rupert D'Oyly Carte; 4, 5th Season of Henry Wood Promenade Concert (BBC); BBC Symphony Orch. cond. by John Gollingsworth; 5, Association Foot-ball, Poppy Day Match for Earl Haig's Fund, Combined Services v. Combined Chinese, Commentary by Eric Young from the Club Ground; 6, Time Signal; 6.40, Viennese Memories, Robert Stolt and his Orch.; 6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.55, Children's Half Hour—"The Wind in the Willows" Adapted from the story by Kenneth Grahame, Part 6; "The Further Adventures of Tread" (BBC); 6.55, Composer Cavalcade—Irving Berlin; 6.55, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, "Box 800" Quiz; 7.15, Gillet of the Organ (GB); 7.30, Interlude for Rhythm (BBC); 7.45, Artist of the Week—Denis Matthews (Piano); 8, Announcements Choice presented by Dorothy Ford (Studio); 8.30, Twentieth Century Theatre by Programme; 9, Music, No. 2; "Bernard Shaw and the Play of Ideas" (BBC); 9, Time Signal; The Reminiscences of Wickham Stead, A Talk by Wickham Stead, No. 3; "My second forty years—England after 1914" (BBC); 9.15, "Record Review", presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 10, Variety Fantasia from the North; 10.15, Cabaret (BBC); 10.50, International News; 11, Time Signal; 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close down.

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